

Oxfam reports another massacre in Rwanda

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BRUSSELS, April 9 (Reuter) - Rampaging soldiers have massacred Rwandans in a Franciscan mission in the north of the country but spared Westerners they found there, the charity Oxfam said on Saturday.

Oxfam's spokesman in Belgium, Eric Todts, told the Belga news agency workers for the charity had taken refuge in the mission close to the town of Gisenyi on Friday.

He said soldiers had then arrived and killed an unknown number of Rwandans. Three women, from the United States, Britain and the Netherlands, witnessed the massacre but were spared. They subsequently escaped to Zaire.

Todts did not know whether the soldiers belonged to government or rebel forces. Nuns, priests and aid workers have been among thousands of victims of the fighting this week, which flared after Rwanda's president was assassinated.

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