

## Belgian paras cleared to fly to Kigali - agency

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BRUSSELS, April 10 (Reuter) - Belgian paratroops could fly into the Rwandan capital Kigali within a few hours after agreement was reached to clear the airport for their arrival, the national news agency Belga reported on Sunday.

Some 400 paratroops, part of an international force sent to protect and evacuate foreigners from the stricken former Belgian colony in central Africa, had been unable to land there and were forced to fly to neighbouring countries on Saturday.

Rwandan government forces at the airport had refused to allow the Belgian paratroops to land.

Belga, quoting government sources in Brussels, said agreement had now been reached that they could fly in to help protect some 1,500 Belgian nationals in Rwanda – the biggest contingent of foreigners.

The agency gave no further details but the Belgian government had been involved in intense diplomatic efforts to resolve the problem.

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