

## Three Belgian civilians killed in Rwanda

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BRUSSELS, April 10 (Reuter) - Three Belgian civilians were killed in Kigali last Thursday on the first day of violence in the Rwandan capital following the death of the president, a Belgian foreign ministry spokesman said on Sunday.

"I can confirm three Belgian civilians were killed last Thursday," the spokesman told Reuters in reply to a query.

He said he could not comment on the circumstances of their death. Their identities were not disclosed.

Earlier, a Belgian officer serving with U.N. forces in Kigali said four Belgians had been killed. Colonel Luc Marchal said they had been caught in combat zones.

In addition, 10 Belgian soldiers serving as U.N. peacekeepers were killed last week as they tried in vain to protect the Rwandan prime minister.

Belgium was the colonial master of the tiny central African state until 1962. There is widespread resentment against Belgians, accused by many of the majority Hutu tribe of siding with rebels from the minority Tutsi.

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