

# Canada to fly Rwanda evacuees out of Burundi

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OTTAWA, April 10 (Reuter) - Canada plans to fly a military transport plane back to Burundi's capital Bujumbura on Monday to evacuate over 60 Canadians who fled the bloody conflict in Rwanda, a foreign ministry official said.

The plane will pick up the Canadians, who fled Rwanda to Bujumbura along with other foreigners in a convoy of over 300 vehicles, said Gar Pardy, the Foreign Ministry's director of consular affairs.

The Canadian plane had flown to Bujumbura from Nairobi, Kenya, over the weekend but returned to Nairobi before darkness fell Sunday with no Canadian evacuees, Pardy said.

It was not known if any passengers from other countries were flown out of Bujumbura in the Canadian plane, he said.

Some Canadians have been flown out of Rwanda and Bujumbura by non-Canadian aircraft under an international rescue effort, he said. About 200 Canadians were estimated to be in Rwanda when violence broke out in the East African country several days ago. Burundi is adjacent to Rwanda.

"Basically we've gotten out everyone that wanted to get out (of Rwanda)," Pardy said. "We're sorting everyone out in Bujumbura now, and they will be flown out in the morning."

Rwanda was plunged into a bloody conflict by its president's death in an air crash last week.

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