

Boutros-Ghali recommends Rwanda force change

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UNITED NATIONS, April 21 (Reuter) - Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali Thursday recommended that the Security Council either increase U.N. forces in Rwanda by several thousand or reduce them to about 270.

But Security Council members said privately that the force, originally 2,500, would probably be cut to 270 with a provision for an early review in case a ceasefire is established in the country's bloody civil war.

In a report to the council, Boutros-Ghali also gave a third option of completely withdrawing the U.N. Assistance Mission For Rwanda, known as UNAMIR, but rejected it outright.

The council is expected to work on a resolution late Thursday with a view to adopting it on Friday, diplomats said.

Boutros-Ghali said the council had the option of a "massive reinforcement of UNAMIR" and a change in its mandate so it would be equipped to coerce combatants into a ceasefire.

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