

Burundi health minister forms government in exile

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KIGALI, Oct 23 (AFP) - Burundi's Health Minister Jean Minani on Saturday announced that he had decided to form a government in exile in the Rwandan capital Kigali, Radio Rwanda reported.

At least 100,000 Burundis have fled across the border into Rwanda since Thursday's military coup, Rwanda's Prime Minister Agathe Uwilingiyimana announced.

Minani, who was visiting Rwanda at the time of the coup, confirmed on Friday that President Melchior Ndadaye, the country's first president from the Hutu majority, had been killed by the coup leaders, believed to be soldiers from the minority Tutsi tribe which has traditionally dominated the government and armed forces.

He said he had decided to form a government after consulting with politicians democratically elected in last June's first multi-party elections,

but he did not give any names.

Minani appealed to diplomats based in the Burundi capital Bujumbura, the U.N. Security Council and the international community to restore peace and democracy in Burundi.

He also called on all Burundi embassies to contact him.

Burundi's ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva, Perpetue Shimiramana, said Friday that Minani would head a "state committee for the restoration of democratic order" which would comprise Burundi's dozen or so embassies around the world.

Rwanda's Premier Uwilingiyimana announced late Friday that more than 100,000 refugees, mainly old men, women and children, had flooded into Rwanda since Thursday.

She said refugees were continuing to pour into the Kigali region in southern central Rwanda, Butare in

the south and Cyangugu in the southwest, and they would need international aid.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees' representative in Kigali, Carlos Rodrigues, said the first aid would be arriving on Monday.

Arriving refugees reported that the Burundan army had already be-

gun massacring Hutu civilians.

Some told Radio Rwanda that soldiers had thrown grenades at a secondary school and into a hospital at Kilemba. The radio's correspondent at Butare reported counting 13 bodies in the Akanyaru river on the border with Burundi.

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