

Egypt expresses sorrow at death of presidents.

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CAIRO, April 7 (Reuter) - Egypt expressed great sorrow on Thursday for the deaths of President Juvenal Habyarimana of Rwanda and Cyprien Ntaryamira of Burundi and urged the people of both countries to exert maximum restraint.

“In these difficult circumstances President Hosni Mubarak expresses his condolences to the governments and people of Burundi and Rwanda. All the parties must exert maximum restraint in order to overcome this crisis peacefully,” a foreign ministry statement said.

“In view of the latest developments in the two brotherly countries, Egypt, as head of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), is in contact with the OAU secretary-general to see what it can do to preserve stability in the two countries,” it added.

The two presidents were killed when their plane was hit by at least two rockets fired by unidentified attackers as it approached the Rwandan capital of Kigali.

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