

New Rwandan president reported in power

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BRUSSELS, April 9 (Reuter) - Rwandan parliament president Theodor Sindikugabo has proclaimed himself the new president of the central African state, the Belgian news agency Belga reported on Saturday.

Sindikugabo presented on national radio a new government made up with the agreement of the five parties which formed the preceding government, Belga said, quoting a report from the Rwandan capital Kigali carried by the Flemish BRTN radio station.

Jean Kambada was named as the new prime minister of Rwanda, which has been racked by two days of tribal bloodletting and renewed civil war feared to have cost thousands of lives.

Other appointments were Jerome Bicyamhumaka as foreign minister and Faustin Munyaneza as interior minister.

Sindikugabo said his government agenda included the effective running of the country and added that particular attention would be paid to security.

He said he planned to pursue negotiations with the rebel Rwandan Patriotic Front with a view to installing a transitional government in six weeks.

His government would also be charged with finding a solution to famine in the country and looking after the return of those who had fled the fighting, he said.

Sindikugabo called on the army to show discipline and thanked the international community for its support and understanding.

The violence in Rwanda was triggered by the murder of the presidents of both Rwanda and neighbouring Burundi late on Wednesday.

The U.N. Security Council reported a marked improvement in the situation in Rwanda late on Friday, with agreement among various factions on a ceasefire and the appointment of the interim government.

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