

Four Belgians reported killed in Rwanda violence

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BRUSSELS, April 10 (Reuter) - Four Belgians have been killed in the orgy of violence in Rwanda, caught in fighting between rebels and government troops in the capital Kigali, a senior Belgian officer serving with U.N. forces there said on Sunday.

"To my knowledge, four Belgians have been killed," Colonel Luc Marchal told Belgian radio.

In addition, 10 Belgian soldiers serving as U.N. peacekeepers were killed last week as they tried in vain to protect the Rwandan prime minister.

Belgium was the colonial master of the tiny central African state until 1962. There is widespread resentment against Belgians, accused by many of the majority Hutu tribe of siding with rebels from the minority Tutsi.

But Marchal said the civilians who died had simply been caught in combat zones.

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