

# France vows not to intervene in Rwandan fighting

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PARIS, April 10 (Reuter) - France promised on Sunday that its troops in Rwanda would not intervene in fighting between government and rebel forces.

“Our mission is a strictly humanitarian mission permitting French nationals to leave Rwanda,” a Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said.

France has sent 460 soldiers and five military transport planes to the devastated Rwandan capital of Kigali to evacuate its 600-odd nationals in the central African country.

French radio quoted the rebel Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) as saying it was prepared to attack French troops if they intervened in the ethnic conflict.

“French troops will not intervene,” French Cooperation Minister Michel Roussin was quoted by Radio France Internationale as saying.

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