

## Belgian troops rescue Germans trapped in Rwanda

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BONN, April 13 (Reuter) - Eleven German radio workers trapped in the Rwandan capital Kigali by heavy fighting and mined roads on Wednesday were rescued by Belgian troops, German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said.

Kinkel said in a statement that the Germans, staff members of Germany's Deutsche Welle radio, were flown out of Kigali after spending nearly a week hiding in their Kigali office.

"My deepest gratitude goes to the Belgian government and the Belgian troops whose courageous mission saved our German citizens," he said.

"I am deeply relieved that the Germans, who had been trapped in an area of extremely heavy fighting, could be flown out."

The foreign ministry believes all German nationals known to be living in Rwanda have now left the country, where the killing of the presidents of Burundi and Rwanda a week ago sparked ethnic violence in which many thousands of people died.

About 200 of the estimated 300 Germans resident in Rwanda fled via neighbouring Burundi.

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