

Belgian in Rwanda tells of killings

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BRUSSELS, April 8 (Reuter) – A Belgian Red Cross worker in Rwanda has described armed gangs roaming the streets of the capital, killing and looting in the wake of the assassination of the African state’s president.

“A wounded man was brought to my house but I could do nothing for him...And there is a dead man in front of my door,” Bernard Schyns said in a telephone interview published in the Belgian daily *La Dernière Heure* on Friday.

Schyns, who manages humanitarian aid in Kigali for the Belgian Red Cross, said he saw armed men killing and looting in the poor neighbourhood of the city where he lived.

From his house above a hangar containing Red Cross food stocks, Schyns said he saw about 20 armed men roaming nearby streets, shooting into houses.

“Then towards midday, these men came closer to my house. Three houses up, they looted everything. I also saw them kill a coloured man who tried to escape into the street,” he said.

Schyns said other Red Cross volunteers and some Rwandans were sheltering in his house.

“We are lying on the floor to avoid the bullets,” he said. “We feel completely unprotected.”

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