

Belgium urges stronger U.N. security measures in Rwanda

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BRUSSELS, April 6 (Reuter) - The Belgian government on Friday urged the United Nations to take stronger security measures for U.N. forces in Rwanda.

It also decided unspecified measures to guarantee the safety of Belgian nationals in the central African country, a government statement said after an emergency cabinet meeting.

“The government is extremely worried about the deterioration of the situation in Rwanda and particularly about the threats against Belgian nationals,” the statement said.

“It has consequently decided on measures...to guarantee the safety of Belgian nationals,” it said, giving no details of the measures.

The government expressed its indignation about the assassination of 10 Belgian blue berets, “who died in the peaceful exercise of their mission.” The soldiers were killed as they tried to protect Rwanda’s prime minister.

The government earlier put troops on stand-by to fly to Rwanda for a possible evacuation of foreigners.

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