

Fighting reported continuing in Rwandan capital

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BRUSSELS, April 9 (Reuter) - Fighting is continuing between rebels and government forces in the Rwandan capital Kigali despite previous agreement on a ceasefire, the officer in charge of Belgian U.N. peacekeepers there said on Saturday.

Colonel Luc Marchal told Belgian radio there was gunfire. Asked whether a ceasefire was holding, he said : "Certainly not. The two sides are still fighting."

The U.N. Security Council in New York had reported a marked improvement in the situation in Rwanda late on Friday, with agreement among various factions on a ceasefire and the appointment of an interim government.

France has sent troops to Kigali to help prepare for a possible evacuation of French nationals. An orgy of violence has swept the former Belgian colony since its president was assassinated on Wednesday.

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