

Six Belgian nationals killed in Rwanda - ministry

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BRUSSELS, April 11 (Reuter) - Six Belgian civilians have been killed in Rwanda since ethnic violence erupted in the former Belgian colony last week, Belgian Foreign Minister Willy Claes said on Monday.

"Six Belgian civilians have been killed in Rwanda since the start of confrontations last Wednesday," a foreign ministry spokesman quoted Claes as saying in parliament.

The foreign ministry said on Sunday that three Belgian civilians had been killed since the start of ethnic killings.

The latest toll brings to 16 the number of Belgians killed in Rwanda.

Ten Belgian paratroops were killed last Thursday while trying in vain to protect Rwandan Prime Minister Agathe Uwilingyimana, who was later killed.

The Belga agency quoted Claes as saying the first three civilians had been killed in Gisenye, northwest Rwanda, and the three others in Kigali, the capital.

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