

Egypt to temporarily close embassy in Rwanda

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CAIRO, April 14 (Reuter) - Egypt, current chairman of the Organisation of African Unity, said on Thursday it was temporarily closing its embassy in the Rwandan capital Kigali because of the deteriorating situation there.

Foreign Ministry sources said the Egyptian ambassador and his staff in Kigali had been instructed to leave the city for the time being because of the dangers they were facing.

On Wednesday Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said the Egyptian embassy in Rwanda would remain open for as long as possible to monitor the situation.

Rwandan army units and infiltrating rebels battled in and around Kigali on Thursday for the second day running.

France and Belgium have closed their embassies in Kigali after bloody tribal fighting broke out following the death last week of President Juvenal Habyarimana.

The Rwandan cabinet and most foreign nationals have fled the central African country, where tens of thousands of people have been killed

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