

Boutros-Ghali proposes U.N. troops for Rwanda

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UNITED NATIONS, Sept 25 (AFP) - U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali Saturday recommended creating a U.N. mission with some 2,500 troops to help Rwanda emerge from three years of civil war.

Boutros-Ghali gave the Security Council a timetable for the deployment and withdrawal of the soldiers in four phases leading up to elections in 1995.

The elections are required by a peace agreement concluded last month between Rwandan President Juvenal Habyarimana's government and the rebel Rwandan Patriotic Front, ending more than three years of civil war in the central African nation.

The 15-member Security Council will debate the report Monday. France has supported involvement in Rwanda.

At the peak of its involvement, in 1994 during the second phase,

the United Nations would have 2,548 troops, including 2,217 peacekeepers and 331 observers, the report said.

The secretary general also proposed merging the Rwandan mission with U.N. observers posted along the border between Uganda and Rwanda. The new force will also be asked to oversee the disengagement army and rebel troops.

Boutros-Ghali warned that it could take three months for the Rwandan force to be deployed after U.N. Security Council authorized their presence.

"At a time of unprecedented financial constraints facing the United Nations, it is imperative that member states be prepared to assume the obligations resulting from the new mandates they entrust to the organization," he said.

Only ten percent of member states are current in their U.N. dues.

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