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Rwanda:

Security Deteriorating

Hutu security elements from the Presidential Guard, gendarmerie, and military yesterday killed several government officials—including the Prime Minister—took at least two hostages, and killed numerous Tutsi civilians in Kigali. According to [REDACTED] press reports, the hardliners also killed two Belgian civilians and 10 of the 450 Belgian UN troops and apparently control the airport where they seized a Belgian military aircraft.

— French troops in the region are on alert, and Brussels may send another 800 troops to supplement the 2,500-man UN contingent to help restore order. [REDACTED]

Foreign nationals, including about 300 US citizens, remain at risk as long as the hardliners continue to rampage throughout the capital. What remains of Rwanda's civilian leadership and moderate senior military officers appear unable to restore order. Moreover, Tutsi rebels are threatening to move from the north to protect their kinsmen in Kigali, which could spark a resumption of civil war. [REDACTED]

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