Burundi Foreign Minister meets Mubarak.

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CAIRO, April 6 (Reuter) - Burundi's foreign minister Jean Marie Ngendahayo on Wednesday discussed his country's tribal bloodshed with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, the current chairman of the Organisation of African Unitey (OAU).

The meeting coincided with a one-day summit in Dar Es Salam bringing together the leaders of Tanzania, Rwanda, Zambia, Uganda, Zaire, Kenya and Burundi President Cyprien Ntaryamira.

The leaders are trying to end tribal killings in the central African state pitting the Hutu majority against the Tutsi-dominated army.

A week of fighting in the capital Bujumbura late last month killed hundreds of people and drove tens of thousands out of their homes and 15,000 into neighbouring Zaire.

Tens of thousands of Tutsis and Hutus have been slaughtered in Burundi since renegade troops killed its first Hutu president, Melchior Ndadaye, on October 21 last year in a failed coup.

"I have delivered a message from President Ntaryamira to President Mubarak under whose term as president of the OAU the legitimate government returned to power in Burundi," Ngendahayo told reporters after the meeting. He declined to discuss what the message said.

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