

Marin warns of chaos in Rwanda, Burundi

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BRUSSELS, April 7 (Reuter) - The death of the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi, after a rocket attack on their plane, risks plunging the two central African countries into turmoil, European Union Development Commissioner Manuel Marin said on Thursday.

A Rwandan Defence Ministry statement said the plane "was shot down (on Wednesday) by unidentified elements in circumstances which are still unclear."

"If (the attack) is confirmed I believe the situation will become high risk given the internal problems," Marin told reporters.

"Peace and reconciliation talks had been progressing in difficult conditions," he added.

Rwanda and Burundi have been ravaged by conflict between their Hutu majorities and Tutsi minorities. Both dead presidents were Hutus.

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