U.N. observers, ministers seized in Rwanda - U.N.

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KIGALI, April 7 (Reuter) - Presidential guards abducted three Rwandan government ministers and three U.N. military observers in the Rwandan capital of Kigali, U.N. officials said on Thursday.

They said the three ministers and their families and the U.N. observers were seized by elements of the presidential guard amid widespread insecurity since the killing of the Rwandan and Burundian presidents in a rocket attack on their plane.

"Three of our observers were taken today (Thursday) with the three ministers and their families from their residences," an official with the U.N. Assistance Mission in Rwanda (UNAMIR) told Reuters.

"This is a very serious breach and the U.N. leadership is raising it at the highest level. Our military leadership is using the term that they are being held hostage," he added.

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