

UN says three Belgian military observers killed

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UNITED NATIONS, April 7 (Reuter) - The United Nations said Thursday three Belgian U.N. military observers were killed in Rwanda. Wednesday when rockets downed their plane as they came back from a peace conference in Tanzania. Both were from the majority Hutu tribe, long at odds with the Tutsi minority in both countries.

“Three Belgium military observers were killed,” spokesman Joe Sills said. He said a number of other U.N. observers were missing but he had no details.

Sills said Belgium’s U.N. representatives had been informed.

“There are reports there have been attacks on the U.N. compound but I can’t confirm them,” he said.

Rwanda’s President Juvenal Habyarimana Burundi’s President Cyprien Ntaryamira were killed late

U.S. officials said they had heard that the prime minister of Rwanda had been shot in front of U.N. personnel. U.N. officials said they had also heard the reports but could not confirm them.

The United Nations has a peace-keeping force of 2,500 in Rwanda and about 250 civilians in Burundi.

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