

Bonn prepares evacuation of Germans from Rwanda

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BONN, April 9 (Reuter) - The German government is preparing to evacuate German citizens living in Rwanda, a foreign ministry spokesman said on Saturday.

The spokesman said the evacuation would be conducted in conjunction with plans by France and Belgium to pull their citizens out of the Rwandan capital Kigali as the country lurches towards all-out civil war.

He added, however, that a final decision to evacuate had not yet been made.

The foreign ministry estimated that some 175 Germans live in Kigali and another 125 in the surrounding country.

France said 280 of its soldiers landed in Kigali on Saturday and 120 more would be flown there later in the day to prepare the evacuation of French nationals.

Belgium has also sent crack paratroops to Rwanda as part of an international force to evacuate foreigners from its former African colony.

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