Rockets fired at Kigali airport

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KIGALI, April 14 (AFP) - Half a dozen rockets were fired at Kigali airport Thursday as French and Belgian paratroopers prepared to fly out of Rwanda after evacuating foreigners stranded in a week of ethnic slaughter and chaos, military sources said.

No one appeared to have been hurt by the rocket attack and it was unclear who launched the offensive.

The rebel Rwandan Patriotic Front Tuesday (RPF) gave foreign troops 24 hours to leave the country.

Government forces denied they were behind the attack since they are involved in guarding the airport and have troops stationed there, according to the sources.

They said there had been no comments from the Tutsi RPF which has been engaged in battles with governemnt forces for the last week.

The rockets slammed into the airport in late morning as a group of French paratroopers were preparing to fly out. Belgian paratroopers were also nearby.

Talks between the RPF and government forces were to have begun Thursday, though apparently had not begun by midday.

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