UN flies medicine, food to its troops in Rwanda

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KIGALI, April 17 (AFP) - The United Nations Sunday flew 800 kilograms of medicine and food to the Rwandan capital, Kigali, to be used by the world body's peacekeeping troops there, said a UN official.

A spokesman for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda (UNAMIR) said Kigali airport was functioning "as usual" although fighting between Rwandan Patriotic Front rebels and government troops continued in other parts of the city.

The UN has a multi-national peacekeeping force of about 2,000 soldiers in Rwanda.

Ethnic violence pitting the majority Hutu tribe against the minority Tutsis erupted in Rwanda earlier this month after Hutu president Juvenal Habyarimana was killed in a suspicious plane crash in Kigali.

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