

UN Security Council demands end to killing in Rwanda

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UNITED NATIONS, April 7 (AFP) - The UN Security Council demanded Thursday an end to armed attacks by Rwandan military and paramilitary forces following a sharp deterioration of the situation in the central African nation.

Eleven UN peacekeepers from Belgium were killed after they were sent to investigate the crash of the aircraft that killed the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi on Wednesday.

Rwandan security forces were also reported to have kidnapped and murdered the country's prime minister as the country lurched into chaos following President Juvenal Habyarimana's death.

"The council strongly condemns

all these acts or violence and in particular these attacks against United Nations personnel and urges the Rwandan security forces and military and paramilitary units to put an end to these attacks,"

the UN Security Council said in a statement approved by consensus.

"The council also demands that free access to the airport be restored in order to allow those who wish to enter or leave the country to do so," it said.

Rwanda had until August last year suffered through a devastating three-year civil war stemming from rivalry between its Tutsi minority and Hutu majority.

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