

# Almost all Americans out of Rwanda

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WASHINGTON, April 10 (Reuter) - U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher said Sunday that the evacuation of Americans from Rwanda is over and described the situation in the African country as "very confused, very tense and very dangerous."

"As far as I know there are no Americans that are unsafe there," Christopher said on NBC's "Meet the Press" programme.

He said 123 Americans had been flown to Nairobi and others had crossed the border to Burundi and Zaire by truck convoy.

There were a total of some 230 Americans living in Rwanda who were told to flee the tribal bloodshed there.

Christopher said that U.S. Ambassador David Rawson had decided against calling in the 330 Marines sent to the Burundi capital Bujumbura to assist in the evacuation, so the Americans left without a military escort.

He said one or two Americans may have decided to remain.

Christopher said that rebel forces were said to be within a few hours of the Rwanda capital of Kigali.

The U.S., France, Belgium and Italy are evacuating their nationals from Kigali, scene of heavy fighting between government forces and rebels of the Rwanda Patriotic Front.

Thousands of people have been killed in Rwanda in an orgy of violence following the death last week of President Juvenal Habyarimana in a plane crash believed to have been caused by a rocket attack.

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