

# U.N. force in Rwanda will probably be reduced to 270

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UNITED NATIONS, April 21 (Reuter) - Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali recommended Thursday that the Security Council either increase U.N. forces in Rwanda by several thousand or reduce them to about 270.

But Security Council members said privately that the force, originally 2,500, would probably be cut to 270 with a provision for an early review in case a ceasefire is established in the country's bloody civil war.

In a report to the council, Boutros-Ghali also gave a third option of completely withdrawing the U.N. Assistance Mission For Rwanda, known as UNAMIR, but rejected it outright. The council is expected to work on a resolution late Thursday with a view to adopting it Friday, diplomats said.

Boutros-Ghali said the council had the option of a "massive reinforcement of UNAMIR" and a change in its mandate so it would be equipped to coerce combatants into a ceasefire.

He said Rwanda's U.N. ambassador as well as Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni had urged him to maintain a large operation and that he would attempt to recruit troops from the region.

But the alternative the council is considering would leave the force commander and staff in Kigali to act as an intermediary between the warring Hutu and Tutsi groups and help resume relief operations. This would involve an infantry company to provide security as well as some military observers and civilian staff for a total of about 270.

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