Six killed in attack on Red Cross ambulance

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GENEVA, April 14 (AFP) - Armed gunmen shot dead six wounded people being evacuated from the Rwandan capital in a Red Cross ambulance Thursday, while soldiers stood by, aid officials said here.

A statement by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said the attack happened early Thursday afternoon, as the casualties were being evacuated to an ICRC hospital outside the capital.

The ICRC and the Rwandan Red Cross have therefore suspended operations to transport the wounded from the capital, wracked by a week of inter-ethnic strife, the statement said.

Earlier, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies said at least 30 Red Cross workers had been killed in the Rwanda unrest, the biggest loss of life in the organization's 75-year history.

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