

The Rwandan government has successfully evacuated 42 people, including 32 Rwandans and 10 people of 5 different nationalities from the troubled city of Khartoum, Sudan's Capital. The evacuees arrived in Kigali aboard a chartered RwandAir flight from Aswan in Egypt.

In a statement released early Tuesday, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation said that, 10 other Rwandans had returned home while others are safe in other countries on their way to Rwanda with support from friendly countries and international organisations.

"Our hearts are with the people of Sudan at this difficult time. The Government of Rwanda remains ready to support all measures by the African Union and international partners for a political and amicable solution to the current civil war in Sudan," said Dr. Vincent Biruta, foreign Affairs Minister.



Clementine Mukeka, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs welcoming the evacuees

Arriving in the early hours of Tuesday, the group included 11 children and were received by officials including Clementine Mukeka, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The government thanked all those that helped in the evacuation; "The Government of Rwanda is particularly grateful to the Arab Republic of Egypt and its people for the warm hospitality and support accorded to its citizens under difficult circumstances."

"Our national institutions worked around the clock with our Diplomatic Missions in Khartoum and Cairo to ensure the success of this evacuation," the statement said.

The United Nations and the African Union have called for a ceasefire in the Sudan conflict, calling for the warring parties to protect civilians and allow safe passage for those fleeing hostilities.

Different countries have been evacuating their citizens and thousands of Sudanese who are trying to escape the war.