

**Reports from Eritrea say a group of around 100 soldiers have surrounded the ministry of information in the capital, Asmara.**

**State TV has also reportedly been taken off air in what some have described as a coup attempt.**

**The city is said to be calm with no shots having been fired.**

**Eritrea's government has been criticised by human rights activists as one of the world's most**

**repressive and closed countries. The websites of key Eritrean state and ruling party media are currently operating**

**erratically, with the site for the ruling People's Front for Democracy and Justice (PFDJ) party inaccessible.**

**President Isaias Afewerki has ruled the country as a one-party state since independence from neighbouring Ethiopia.**