

Mine attack against bus kills 13

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NAIROBI, May 1 (AFP) - A suspected terrorist attack killed 13 people and injured 22 others Friday when a mine blew up a minibus at Ruhango in Rwanda, diplomatic sources reached from Nairobi said.

The cause of the blast, about 100 kilometres (60 miles) south of the capital Kigali, was not known, the sources said. Fourteen of the injured were badly hurt.

Official Radio Rwanda said the authorities were "doing everything in the power" to track down those responsible.

Similar attacks with Soviet-made mines have killed 10 people and injured some 50 others since March 12, when 10 people including four children died at Nyanza in central Rwanda on their way to a funeral.

An explosion in a collective taxi at the Kigali bus station left five dead and about 30 wounded on March 19.

None of the attacks have been claimed, but the small east central African nation has since October 1990 been under attack by Rwandan rebels who invaded from neighbouring Uganda.

The rebel Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) is formed mainly of exiles from the traditionally ruling Tutsi minority who first fled the mountainous country in the wake of massacres by the majority Hutus around the time of independence in 1962.

On April 17, a new prime minister appointed by Rwanda's formerly military ruler, President Juvenal Habyarimana, formed a coalition government bringing in opposition parties, with a mandate to negotiate a peace settlement with the rebels.

The government is also expected to organise free elections.

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