

Fighting reported in northeast Rwanda

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BYUMBA, Rwanda, June 7 (AFP) - Twenty-five rebels and three soldiers were killed in two days of fighting in northeast Rwanda, Defence Minister James Gasana said during a tour of inspection.

A military source said he had counted more than 60 dead rebels in a nearby forest.

Sector commander Colonel Rwamanywa said more than 200 members of the Rwandan Patriotic Front had attacked on Friday from Gatuna,

a border post between Rwanda and Uganda.

Government troops beat off three attempts to take the military garrison here. An unspecified number of civilians were killed.

The fighting occurred as government and rebel representatives met in Paris to negotiate a ceasefire and an end to fighting which has broken out sporadically since the front launched its first attack in October 1990.

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