

# Mobutu to host another round of Rwandan peace talks

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NAIROBI, Oct 19 (AFP) - Zairean President Mobutu Sese Seko has agreed to host a fresh round of peace talks between the Rwandan Government and rebels of the Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF), who unsuccessfully invaded the country a year ago, radio Rwanda said in a report monitored here on Saturday.

The radio quoted Rwandan Foreign Minister Casmir Bizimungu as saying that the Zairean leader had accepted to host the talks, but did not say when. Mobutu has been mediating in the one-year-old conflict since June.

Previous rounds of talks, including a session in the Zairean town of Gbadolite in September, re-

sulted in ceasefire agreements, but sporadic skirmishes have persisted along Rwanda's northern border with Uganda, through which the rebels invaded the country on October 2 last year.

Rwanda has maintained that Uganda has been supporting the rebels, but Uganda has repeatedly denied the charge.

The rebels, refugees who fled Rwanda 20 years ago at the height of tribal upheavals that culminated in the overthrow of the minority Tutsi regime by the majority Hutus now ruling in Kigali, were mostly officers and servicemen in the Uganda army at the time of the invasion.

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