

French troops, Rwandan rebels clash inside safety zone

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GOMA, Zaire, July 17 (AFP) - French troops and Rwandan rebels clashed inside the safety zone set up by French forces in southwest Rwanda, a French military spokesman said.

There were no French casualties in the clash north of the town of Kibuye, said Lieutenant Colonel Didier Bolelli.

He said the French forces had "taken note of the fact that the RPF had entered the French zone," and that the French had asked the UN force in Rwanda to protest to the Rwandan Patriotic Front on behalf of France.

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