Kampala [Statement by President Museveni]

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On Tuesday, radio Uganda quoted President Yoweri Museveni as telling the people of the border district of Kabale that the government would do everything possible to ensure that incursions from neighbouring Rwanda were stopped.

Though Museveni did not indicate the measures his government was taking, it is understood here that he has ordered commanders in charge of the border area to take tough action against any infiltration from Rwanda.

In recent weeks the government has been under considerable pressure from the local population on the border to act to stop armed incursions from Rwanda. The government has been slow in acting against the incursions because it did not want to be accused of taking sides with the rebels of the Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF), who caused Uganda considerable embarrassment when they invaded Rwanda on October 2 last year.

The rebels, mostly minority Tutsis who have lived in Uganda as refugees for the past three decades, were serving in the Ugandan army when they staged an unsuccessful invasion of their country in an attempt to overthrow the majority Hutu regime in Kigali.

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