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Officials put the death toll at 152, but human rights associations and independent sources said more than twice that number were killed. Many Tutsi homes were razed to the ground and around 16,000 people fled.

Northern Rwanda is prey to attacks by the rebel Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF), a movement largely formed by Tutsi exiles who first invaded from Uganda in October 1990.

The MRND ruled Rwanda as the sole legal party for 18 years until constitutional changes opened the way to multi-party politics last June.

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