Rwanda peace talks progress

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PARIS, June 7 (AFP) - Preparatory talks for a negotiated end to Rwanda's civil war continued here Sunday in a "good atmosphere," Rwandan diplomatic sources said, although fierce fighting was reported in northeast Rwanda Friday and Saturday.

A timetable and venue for negotiations, the level of intervention by third countries including the United States and France, and how to incorporate rebels in the army, were discussed, the sources said.

Foreign Minister Boniface Ngulinzira heads the government team and spokesman Pasteur Bizimungo is leading the delegation from the Rwandan Patriotic Front.

The front and three opposition parties, which have ministers in Rwanda's new coalition government, met in Brussels last week and stated their intention to seek an end to the fighting in the eastern African state.

It broke out in October 1990 when refugees in Uganda, mostly of the Tutsi minority, invaded northern Rwanda.

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