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to the rebel of RPA soldiers

**BLUE BERETS ~~DISARM RPA SOLDIERS~~
IN SOUTH WESTERN RWANDA DURING SHOOTING INCIDENT**

to KIGALI, RWANDA -- United Nations soldiers on duty in Rwanda *offered shelter* ~~disarmed~~ soldiers of the Rwandan Patriotic Army yesterday, in order to put an end to a shooting incident in the village of Musebeya.

As an RPA patrol was driving through the crowded village, several soldiers stepped out of the vehicle to move the crowd. The RPA soldiers shot warning shots in the air to disperse the crowd. The local reacted and began stoning the soldiers. At one point during the riot a grenade was thrown and the RPA then opened fire in the crowd killing seven people, seriously wounding 13 and injuring a number of others who managed to escape.

UNAMIR troops from Zambia were immediately dispatched to the scene to diffuse the situation. *amongst Blue Berets, few surrendered their arms* The ~~Blue Berets~~ ^{*the*} immediately ~~disarmed several~~ ^{*found refuge*} RPA soldiers and later escorted ~~them~~ ^{*was*} back to their base in Muko. At no point during the incident did the UN soldiers have to open fire.

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