

Hutu extremists kill 10 in southwestern Rwanda: radio

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NAIROBI, Dec 31 (AFP) - Ten people were killed in attacks by Hutu extremists in southeastern Rwanda earlier this week, official Rwandan radio said Saturday.

The radio quoted reports from the town of Kibungo as saying nine members of the former government's extremist Hutu Interahamwe militia on Wednesday attacked people who refused to accompany them to Tanzania in the village of Kigarama, near the Akagera park.

Ten people, among them women and children, were killed and three others seriously wounded in two separate attacks.

Hundreds of thousands of Rwandans, most of them Hutus, fled to northern Tanzania and other neigh-

bouring countries during ethnic massacres pitting the majority Hutus against the minority Tutsis between April and July.

The bloodletting in which between 500,000 and a million people are believed to have been killed was sparked by the death of president Juvenal Habyarimana in a mysterious plane crash over the Rwandan capital, Kigali in April.

The massacres subsided only after former rebels of the mainly Tutsi Rwanda Patriotic Front seized power in Kigali in July.

Interahamwe militias are said to be still active in refugee camps in Tanzania and Zaire.

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