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[Text] Kigali, Sept 13 (AFP)-Three battalions of Rwandan Patriotic Army troops were deployed Tuesday [13 September] in the UN-controlled southwest sector of Rwanda, UN sources said, accelerating the Kigali Government's move into the area.

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The RPA is the Army formed by the government which seized power in Kigali in July backed by the Tutsi-led Rwandan Patriotic Front.

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The RPA began deploying troops in the southwest sector last week and the operation is moving ahead more quickly than the UN assistance mission in Rwanda (UNAMIR) anticipated, UN sources said.

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UNAMIR commander Guy Tousignant said Monday he thought only one RPA battalion would be in place in the Cyangugu administrative district of the zone by the end of the week.

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The commander said he did not think Rwandan Defence Minister Major-General Paul Kagame had the resources to send an additional battalion to Gikongoro, another administrative district within the zone.

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British UNAMIR spokesman, Mark Heskitt, did not say how many troops had been deployed Tuesday, however an RPA battalion usually comprises 600 men, which would suggest a total deployment Tuesday of 1,800 troops.

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The government has sent local administrators into the three administrative districts within the zone and is keen to gain full control over the territory in order to integrate it with the rest of the country. Hundreds of thousands of mainly Hutu refugees, fearing reprisals from mostly Tutsi RPF troops for massacres carried out by Hutu militias, fled to the area when the French military declared it a 'safety zone' in July and August and promised to stop 'armed groups' from entering the area.

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Meanwhile, Rwandan Justice Minister Alphonse-Marie Nkubito, speaking on Radio Rwanda Tuesday, called for an international tribunal to be set up quickly to investigate massacres committed in the country.

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'One more day could perhaps mean one more act of reprisal' said Nkubito, stressing the need for a tribunal to prevent people taking the law into their own hands.

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'This international tribunal must begin its work quickly' said the minister. He said genocide had been committed against Rwanda's Tutsi minority during the war and that the country had witnessed crimes against humanity. These crimes could not be judged by Rwandan tribunals he added. The risk of people settling private scores during proceedings would be too high.

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