

Market bomb attack kills 16, injures scores

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KIGALI, May 31 (AFP) - A bomb attack killed 16 people and injured 120 others at the market in Kirambo in Rwanda's southwestern Cyangugu district, official sources said here Monday.

Nobody has claimed responsibility for the two blasts Sunday, caused by mines left by unidentified attackers. Officials refused to speculate who might be responsible.

In April, mine explosions wounded 10 people at the Kigali central post office and 20 others at the marketplace in Butare in the south. Responsibility has never been claimed for these and previous, similar attacks.

Meanwhile, several thousand activists of the opposition Democratic Republican Movement (MDR) held a peaceful demonstration in Kigali at the weekend in tribute to the assassinated head of the MDR's political commission, Emmanuel Gapyisi.

Prime Minister Dismas Nsengiyaremye, the first vice chairman

of the MDR and head of a coalition interim government, stated after the demonstration that "Everything should be done to end the violence."

The MDR has called for an international enquiry into the murder of Gapyisi, who was gunned down outside his home on May 18.

Faustin Twagiramungu, chairman of the MDR, has charged that the death of Gapyisi "marks the beginning" of a campaign violently to eliminate political leaders.

Twagiramungu last week slammed a statement published after the killing from what he called "fanatics" in President Juvenal Habyarimana's National Republican Movement for Democracy and Development (MRND), which accused the MDR leadership of ordering the murder of their own man.

Several politicians have blamed the murder on guerrillas of the Rwandan Patriotic Front (FPR). Gapyisi had just joined a club called the Forum for Peace and Democracy, which

has shown strong opposition to an offensive led since October 1990 by the FPR.

The government has been engaged in peace talks with the rebels, who consist largely of exiles from Rwanda's Tutsi minority, who ruled

the small central African nation until they were overthrown by the Hutu majority in the years around independence from Belgium in 1961.

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