

Rebels accused of slaying civilians

AFP, November 18, 1993

KIGALI, Nov 18 (AFP) - Residents of two localities in north-west Rwanda reported Thursday that rebels of the Patriotic Front killed 40 civilians overnight at Nkumba and Kidaho.

A town councillor in Nkumba said his wife and three children were among the dead. He said the killers shot and stabbed people, or used hand-grenades.

Sources in two other communes in the same district of Ruhengeri, at Cyeru and Nyamugali, said rebels had attacked them too on Wednes-

day night. Nyamugali's mayor was wounded, the sources said.

The four townships are in a demilitarised zone where neither government troops nor rebel fighters are supposed to go, under a peace agreement reached in August.

The killings were reported a day after General Romeo Dallaire of Canada set up headquarters here in the capital for a U.N. Assistance Mission for Rwanda, which 375 Belgian troops were to join later Thursday.

mgu/jaw/nb