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Attack On United Nations Position In Mutura

KIGALI, RWANDA - On February 15, 1995 at approximately 11:55 p.m., the Tunisian Battalion Headquarters at Mutura was fired upon by small arms fire, including 3 rocket propelled grenade (RPG) rounds, for about 30 seconds in a deliberate and unprovoked attack. It is believed that this attack by unknown armed elements was aimed at destroying the signal installation within the camp.

The following morning, February 16, a patrol of Tunisian troops searched the vicinity of the camp to determine the perpetrators of the attack.

In the process, *a mine suspected of being planted* was detonated by the patrol resulting in the injury of 8 Tunisian troops: four seriously, the others moderate and minor. A second mine, also suspected of being planted by the attackers was found and defused.

"This unprovoked attack on a UN position and the injury of the Tunisian soldiers is of great concern to me," stated Maj.-Gen. Guy Tousignant, UNAMIR Force Commander.

"We are carefully investigating the incident to determine who is responsible and will take every action to hold them accountable for this incident."

Four of the casualties have been evacuated to Nairobi for treatment.

A United Nations Military Police investigation of the attack is in progress.

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