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ZALAM BESA, Ethiopia (Reuters) - Two Eritrean rebel groups said on Friday they have killed 25 government soldiers and wounded at least 38 others, in ambushes on two military camps.

There was no immediate comment from the Eritrean government and the report could not be independently confirmed.

Rebel spokesman Yasin Mohamed said the attacks by the Red Sea Afar Democratic Organisation (RSADO) and the Eritrean Salvation Front (ESF) rebels were in retaliation for the repression of the Afar minority and others by the government.

"The joint forces earlier today, made a surprise attack at the camp of 13 sub-division of the 2nd brigade at the vicinity of Kokobay, killed 13 and wounded 20 others," Yasin said.

He said a separate attack killed 12 members of an intelligence unit and wounded 18 others in Kermeti area. The United Nations Security Council imposed sanctions on Eritrea last week for arming and supporting Islamist insurgents in

Somalia.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2010/01/01/world/international-uk-eritrea-rebels.html?_r=2&pagewanted=print accessed on January 2nd, 2010.

TPLF Troops Launch An Attack In The Zalambesa Front
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Zalambesa, 2 January 2010: In the early morning hours of January 1st 2010, TPLF soldiers launched successive attacks in the Zalambesa front and were swiftly driven back with 10 of their soldiers killed and two captured, leaving six AK-47 automatic rifles, a machinegun and communication equipments.

Source: <http://www.shabait3.com/> accessed on Jan. 2, 2010