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Burma insists Indian army did not cross border to attack rebels

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Burma has insisted that India's army did not cross its border to attack insurgents blamed for killing 18 Indian soldiers last week.

Indian officials said earlier this week that it had inflicted "significant casualties on rebels" after it attacked insurgent groups along its border with Burma (Myanmar).

Comments by Indian officials have been vague or contradictory about where Tuesday's raids against the insurgents took place.

Some reports indicated that the Indian army crossed the border into Burma and had killed between 14 and 18 rebels in "surgical strikes".

"We crossed over to Myanmar territory... We have good relations with them (Myanmar), we carried out the strike," junior Information and Broadcasting Minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore told journalists.

"In view of the imminent threat, an immediate response was necessary."

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The Burmese president's office director Zaw Htay said Thursday the raids occurred inside India and reiterated that foreign rebels are not allowed to operate on Burmese soil.

Last week rebels attacked an Indian army convoy with rocket-propelled guns and automatic weapons, killing 18.

Myriad militant groups in India's remote northeast have been fighting the central government for

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