Dar es-Salaam [Rebels propose that the current assembly be dissolved]

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Central among these is the government's proposal for an expanded national assembly whose incumbent members would automatically retain their seats, with the rest to be nominated.

The rebels reject it because it would result in an extraordinarily large national assembly of 600 members for such small country.

Instead, the rebels proposed that the current assembly be dissolved and fresh nominations made to allow for equal representation among all major political parties in Rwanda.

The RPF also wants the current coalition cabinet to be maintained

but that Habyarimana's ruling party should surrender three or four cabinet posts to the rebels, a proposal the government has rejected.

The four-month talks have so far resulted in successful negotiation and implementation of a seven-week ceasefire, as well as agreements on other protocols such as that on the rule of law.

The peace talks, which are being chaired by Tanzania, are also being attended by observers from Belgium, Burundi, France, Uganda, United States and the Organisation of African Unity (OAU).

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