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Trouble rapidly broke out after the initial accords signed with the rebels in Arusha, the Tanzanian capital, which on January 9 provided for the RPF to join the government.

The Tutsi were traditional rulers in Rwanda before they were driven out in an uprising in the early 1960s, forcing thousands of them into exile in Uganda and neighbouring countries.

The RPF rebels invaded their country on October 2, 1990 in an attempt to overthrow Habyarimana's regime, now 19 years old.

Habyarimana at the weekend said his defence minister and ally James Gasana would henceforth head the government team at the ongoing talks in Arusha, since they concerned mainly military matters, a presidential aide said. One major issue still to be negotiated is the integration of rebel soldiers into the government army.

The premier rejected the decision, saying he had not been consulted, and said Foreign Minister Boniface Ngurinzira had been mandated to head the government team at Arusha until the talks' conclusion.

After last week's violence, the MRNDD leadership issued a statement saying it "firmly supported" the youthful demonstrators.

For a long time, Rwandan authorities resisted dealings with the rebels, on the grounds that there was not enough land for all the exiles in the small, densely populated nation in eastern central Africa.

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