

Four Rwandan opposition parties in alliance with ruling party

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NAIROBI, Nov 14 (AFP) - Rwanda's ruling Revolutionary Movement for National Development (MNRD) has formed an alliance with four opposition parties with an aim to strengthen democracy in the central African nation, official radio Rwanda reported in a broadcast monitored on Saturday.

The radio named the opposition parties as the Rwandan Republican Party (PAREWA), Party for Democracy in Rwanda (PADER), Coalition for the Defence of the Republic (CDR) and Ecologists Party (PECO).

Since President Juvenal Habyari-

mana changed the country's constitution in June last year to pave the way for multi-party politics, 15 opposition political parties have been legalised.

Last April, a 19-member multi-party transitional government was formed in Rwanda under the leadership of Prime Minister Dismas Nsenyiremye.

Its members were drawn from five political parties - nine from MNRD, three each from the CDR, the Liberal Party (PL) and the Social Democratic Party (PSD), and one from the Christian Democratic Party (PCD).

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