

Spurned premier sees sabotage

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KIGALI, June 24 (AFP) - Rwanda's interim prime minister Dismas Nsengiyaremye complained Thursday that the cabinet's rejection of him as head of a new enlarged government was meant to sabotage the peace agreement reached with the rebel Patriotic Front.

The agreement, reached at the weekend, was to have been signed Thursday in Arusha, the Tanzanian town where peace talks dragged on for almost a year. But on Wednesday the government postponed the signing indefinitely.

A spokesman said President Juvenal Habyarimana and other political chiefs had to be briefed first before the agreement could be signed.

The previous day, the cabinet chaired by Habyarimana rejected the

candidacy of Nsengiyaremye to be prime minister of a new government which under the peace arrangements would include ministers drawn from the rebel movement.

Nsengiyaremye criticised the way the cabinet was convened while some ministers were absent on missions abroad.

The peace agreement, ending a civil war which began in late 1990 when exiles of the minority Tutsi tribe made an incursion from Uganda, provides for the incoming premier to come from the ranks of the main opposition party the Democratic Republican Movement, to which Nsengiyaremye belongs.

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