

Nairobi [Local supporters of the Rwandan leadership had set up the massacre]

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Members of religious organisations and opposition sources said at the time that local supporters of the Rwandan leadership had set up the massacre and paid the perpetrators for services rendered.

Hardliners of the regime were trying then to stall a first political breakthrough, which nonetheless duly took place a month later when opposition parties, both Hutu and Tutsi-based, got posts in the government, including current Prime Minister Dismas Nsengiyareye.

This time round, the hardliners feel the latest Arusha agreements

have made fools of them, and they want to get the negotiations firmly into their own hands.

Accordingly, Foreign Minister Boniface Ngurinzira, who has been leading the government side, is being replaced on the president's orders by Defence Minister James Gasana.

The prime minister is unhappy with the change, which at a time when ethnic and political conflict is mounting, could plunge Rwanda into a very serious crisis.

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