OAU to hold mini-summit on Rwanda

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ARUSHA, Tanzania, June 25 (AFP) - The Organisation of African Unity (OAU) is to hold a minisummit on the stalemate between the Rwandan government and Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) rebels, it was announced Friday.

A Tanzanian foreign ministry statement said that Tanzanian government mediators, the Rwandan government and the RPF would meanwhile continue consultations.

A peace agreement set to be signed here after 11 months of tough negotiations was postponed at the last minute after Rwandan President Juvenal Habyarimana rejected some of its provisions.

The two sides are deadlocked on distribution of command positions in a proposed new 13,000-man national army to be formed during the transition to democracy.

Reports reaching here from Kigali quoted Rwandan Foreign Minister Boniface Ngulinzira as saying that another hitch was the rejection by other parties in Rwanda of a proposal that current Prime Minister Dismas Nsingeremye be appointed interim premier during the transition period.

The peace pact was aimed at ending a bloody conflict triggered when the mainly minority Tutsi RPF invaded Rwanda from Uganda on October 2, 1990, in an attempt to topple Habyarimana's majority Hutu government in Kigali.

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