Rwandan rebel radio claims provisional government has fled

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NAIROBI, April 14 (AFP) - Rwandan rebels said Thursday that the president of the provisional government and a number of his ministers had fled the country and were among some 200 refugees that have been refused entry into neighbouring Burundi.

In a broadcast monitored here by the BBC, the radio station of the Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) said this group included the minister of the presidency and the wives of many former ministers.

The rebel radio station appealed to Rwandan youths in the government forces "to stop fighting and unite with the RPF in search for all those who supported the clique of killers wherever they are."

Theodore Sindikubwagbo, speaker of Rwanda's parliament, took over as interim president after the April 6 plane crash which killed Rwandan President Juvenal Habyarimana and Burundian President Cyprien Ntaryamira.

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