

## Rwanda peace talks dealt blow as rebel departs

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ARUSHA, Tanzania, April 24 (Reuter) - Peace talks to end Rwanda's bloodshed suffered a further setback on Sunday when a rebel leader left the venue before a government delegation arrived, witnesses said.

"I'm leaving for Nairobi," Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF) Secretary-General Theogene Rudasingwa told reporters before walking out of an Arusha hotel where talks to end Rwanda's tribal war, which has killed up to 100,000 people, were supposed to take place.

Tanzanian officials said a Rwandan government delegation to the peace talks, which were called by Tanzania and had been scheduled to start on Saturday, had vanished and was not in Arusha.

Rudasingwa had said he had no intention of meeting any government team and only came to Arusha to brief Organisation of African Unity Secretary-General Salim Ahmed Salim and Tanzanian officials on a RPF offer of a unilateral ceasefire from Monday.

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