

RPF denies its leaders had been killed

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KAMPALA, April 11 (AFP) - A Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) spokeswoman in Uganda on Monday refuted claims by a Rwandan pro-Hutu extremist group that its chairman and military commander had been killed.

"The rumour is a work of the CDR just to give morale to the Rwandese army ... It is totally untrue, it is just a work of a clique of people in Kigali who may be trying to disorganise our camp,, Christine Umutoni, a member of the political bureau of the RPF, told AFP.

The radio of the Coalition for the Defence of the Republic (CDR), a pro-Hutu extremist movement fiercely opposed to the incorporation of the mainly Tutsi RPF in the Rwandan government, had earlier Monday reported that RPF commander Paul

Kagame and chairman Alexis Kanyarengwe had been killed in a power struggle within the movement.

Umutoni said she had contacted the RPF high command in Rwanda at 8.00 a.m (5.00 GMT) on Monday morning and was informed that rebel forces were advancing towards Rwandan capital and were now at Kabuye, eight kilometers (five miles) from Kigali.

She could not tell when they will storm the capital where ethnic warfare continues to rage since the death of the Rwandan President Juvenal Habyarimana and his Burundian counterpart in a suspect plane crash on Wednesday.

"We have not encountered any significant resistance on the battle front," Umutoni said.

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