

Former rebels accuse government of breaching peace pact

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KIGALI, Oct 6 (AFP) - The formerly rebel Rwandan Patriotic Front (FPR) on Wednesday accused Rwanda's coalition government of passing economic measures in breach of the terms of a peace pact signed in August.

In a statement, FPR military commander Colonel Alexis Kanyarengwe said the government was "making financial commitments that could prejudice the achievement of the programme of of a broad-based transitional government."

"The so-called government continues to make important decisions regarding privatisations, the transfer of decision-making powers, changes in the usual way of naming local administrators and the launching of problematic projects, well outside its Arusha accord mandate," the statement said.

Kanyarengwe accused Prime Minister Agathe Uwilingiyimana's coal-

ition of allowing itself to be manipulated by President Juvenal Habyarimana with the complicity of French authorities.

The FPR dissociated itself in the statement from the contested government decisions and declared that the coalition's job under the Arusha accord was only to manage the small central African nation's day-to-day affairs.

The president of Rwanda's Constitutional Court, Joseph Kavaru-ganda, was said by informed sources here to have backed Kanyarengwe's charges that the government was overstepping its duties.

Kavaruganda reportedly wrote to the prime minister to inform her that decisions taken by the government after the signing of the peace pact at Arusha in Tanzania on August 4 were not constitutional.

The FPR also called on donor countries and agencies to set up

a commission to investigate accusations against people accused of embezzling aid. The movement named Habyarimana, his close relatives and other senior officials. more AFP AFP