

Kigali [Gapyisi might have been killed by FPR or hardliners in the Hutu]

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Some sources said Gapyisi might have been killed by the Tutsi-majority FPR for his membership of the Forum, but others believed hardliners in the Hutu regime could have been responsible.

The Forum has been criticised in opposition circles which accuse it of promoting the views of the Coalition for the Defence of the Republic, a party that claims to defend the interests of the Hutu majority, who have run Rwanda since bloody massacres of Tutsis in 1959.

A former secretary-general of the ministry of public works in the 1980s, Gapyisi also held posts in international organisations, notably the U.N. Development Programme and Shelter-Afrique, an institution associated with the African Development

Bank.

In another development, the government agreed with the FPR to set up a joint commission of 20 members from each side responsible for the resettlement and safety of Rwandans displaced by war, who account for almost one million in the population of seven million.

The commission will also include a member of the international neutral military observer group GOMN, posted to the small central African highland nation to monitor a peace process between the government and the FPR.

The commission has been mandated to help prepare for local authority elections.

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