

Annan: Kenyan parties agree on talks

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NAIROBI, Kenya - The warring political parties in Kenya have agreed on an agenda for peace talks, former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan announced late Friday. Annan said the four-point framework could lead to the end of violence within two weeks, the BBC reported. He said President Mwai Kibaki and Raila Odinga, leader of the Orange Democratic Movement, had also agreed on 18 specific ways to bring peace, including dissolving militia groups and halting provocative speeches and text messages. The agenda items are: ending the violence, improving the humanitarian situation, resolving the political crisis and negotiating issues of land distribution and historical grievances. "We believe within seven to 15 days, we should be able to tackle the first three agenda items," Annan said. "The first is to take immediate action to stop the violence." Annan's announcement followed another bloody day. In Kericho district in western Kenya, a mob of 3,000 people reportedly killed 10 people, including a police officer.

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