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NAIROBI, Kenya -- Talks between Kenya's government and opposition to end the political crisis have progressed considerably, former U.N. chief Kofi Annan said. Discussions in Nairobi, Kenya, adjourned until Friday as negotiators confer on a compromise that has largely been agreed to by both sides, the BBC reported. A prime minister's post occupied by the opposition reportedly would be created but Annan didn't confirm the agreement's details. "I am beginning to see light at the end of the tunnel," Annan said after a session with negotiators from Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki's government and the opposition Orange Democratic Movement adjourned Thursday. The opposition would consider accepting the prime minister position provided it carried authority and power requisite to the office, senior ODM member Najib Balal told the BBC. About 1,000 people have been killed and hundreds of thousands displaced in the violence that erupted since Kibaki's disputed re-election in December over opposition leader Raila Odinga. The opposition charged the election was rigged.

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