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Raila Odinga, the Kenyan opposition leader, has called for African Union (AU) peacekeepers to be deployed in the country to quell ethnic violence that erupted after last years disputed presidential elections.

(...) Western Kenya has seen some of the worst ethnic clashes in the violence that has killed more than 800 people since December 27. (...) The latest deaths brought the total to about 70 dead since Friday in area where police have now launched a crackdown on ethnic fighting.

(...) A deal marking out a joint roadmap to end, within two weeks, the violence was agreed last week but it was unclear how the political issues would be addressed.

The agreement calls for illegal militias to be disbanded and for investigation of all crimes connected to the violence, including those allegedly committed by the police, who have killed scores of people.

(...) Despite the efforts of Kofi Annan, the former UN secretary-general, Kibaki and Odinga remain opposed. (...)

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