



Kayanza: Head of state officially launches macadamia



The Head of State His Excellency Pierre Nkurunziza on Wednesday, 4 March 2020, officially launched the macadamia industry in Burundi. This event took place on Gashibuka Hill in Muhanga commune in Kayanza province. After the launch, two thousand macadamia plants were planted on this hill.

The Cooperative for the Promotion of Macadamia in Burundi (COPROMABU) responsible for the extension of this plant distributed at the same time seventeen thousand macadamia plants to other development cooperatives that have, in their programs, the development of this sector. According to COPROMABU officials, 1kg of macadamia costs between BIF 2000 and 2500. They also explained that a macadamia plant produced after 5 years between 20 and 50 kg but aged 10 years, it produces between 100 and 150kg of macadamia. On this occasion, the Head of State

gave thanks to God who granted Burundi a climate and soil favorable to agriculture where several kinds of crops grow.

He welcomed the initiative of the Ministry of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, which has in its program the extension of this export plant throughout the country and which has decided to make it a national program.

For His Excellency Pierre Nkurunziza, the macadamia will be able to provide the country with foreign currency in addition to its nutritional content that will benefit the Burundian population. He recommended that every Burundian grow this plant not only to sell it but also to consume its products in order to have good health.

The Head of State gave a nod to the macadamia farmers. He reminded them that production will depend on the maintenance they have brought to this plant. And to invite them to grow macadamia on a large scale and take care of this plant.

The President of the Republic encouraged COPROMABU to move forward in its macadamia extension business and promised to stand by him to support him.

As a thanks, COPROMABU officials offered the Head of State a heifer in

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the making. After Muhanga, the Head of State went to visit the provincial office of the CNDD-FDD

party under construction in the capital of Kayanza province.

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Kirundo: Head of State inaugurates Buvyukana mining site



The Head of State His Excellency Pierre Nkurunziza on Tuesday, 3 March 2020, officially launched the exploitation of Colta and associated minerals including Cassiterite and Wolframite on Buvyukana Hill in Ntega commune in the province of Kirundo. According to His Excellency Pierre Nkurunziza, the mining sector is a key sector and the country's future depends on it.

The representative of Ntega Mining Burundi, which won the mining market for these minerals, reiterated the company's commitment to respect the operating contract with the State of Burundi. These include protecting the environment, protecting employees from accidents and carrying out development work in the municipalities of Ntega, Marangara and Vumbi in Kirundo province. He asked the Government of Burundi and the administrative staff to stand with the company so that it could achieve its objectives.

In this special note, the Minister of Hydraulics, Energy and Mines Ir Côme Manirakiza indicated that this company Ntega Mining Burundi which will operate colta and associated minerals in the municipalities Ntega, Marangara and Vumbi on 31,390 ha, will have the support of the government. He explained that the expected production is 2,464,293 tonnes in 12 years. Minister Ir. Manirakiza said the operating permit granted to Ntega Mining Burundi is valid for 25 years, which explains why the search will continue.

According to the Minister in charge of Energy and Mines, the State of Burundi holds a 15% share capital in this company Ntega mining Burundi, which is a joint venture.

"In addition to the profits that will be generated by its capital, the State of Burundi will benefit from taxes on exported mines, taxes on the profits of the company, taxes on the salaries of the employees of the company and the currencies that will return home." The Minister in charge of Energy also cites the construction of public infrastructure such as roads, schools, health centres, etc.

Regarding the families expropriated by this mine work, Minister Ir Côme Manirakiza said that any household whose property will be affected by the work of these deposits will be compensated.

Speaking, Head of State His Excellency Pierre Nkurunziza said that the mining sector is a key sector in the lives of all countries of the world, explaining that the settlement in Burundi was motivated by control of this sector. He added that to achieve this, the colonizer introduced divisionist teachings that led to the dislocation of Burundian society. The head of state pointed out that the settlers have taken advantage of this divide to appropriate mineral deposits as they see fit since 1930.

The Head of State took this opportunity to warn certain individuals or companies that illegally exploit mines and some speculative traders who fraudulently sell minerals in neighbouring countries. He gave the example of the speculative mining operators of kabarore communes in Kayanza province who reported only 400 kg of colta per month in 2015 but who, with anti-fraud measures, now declare more than 20 thousand tons per month. For the President of the Republic, whoever is caught will be considered an enemy of the country.

"Thanks to these measures to combat mining fraud, currencies from the mining sector have increased significantly," stressed the Head of State. His Excellency Pierre Nkurunziza revealed that since 2014, the foreign exchange generated by the mining sector has not exceeded US\$10 million, whereas in the last year the sector has generated more than US\$70 million.

Finally, the President of the Republic of Burundi called on all Burundians to show patriotism towards their

country, to consolidate peace and security and, above all, to block the way for troublemakers. "The

future of the country lies in this sector," concluded the Head of State. (Source: www.rtnb.bi)

Ngozi/Rutanga : Head of state launches crop season B



Head of State His Excellency Pierre Nkurunziza, along with his family, launched the B-cultural season on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at his Rutunga agro-pastoral complex in Gashikanwa commune in Ngozi province. His Excellency Pierre Nkurunziza implored God the Almighty to pour his blessings on the seeds of season B so that they could produce a bountiful harvest.

Before the sowing began, the Head of State blessed the seeds and all those that are sowing during season B. He implored God the Almighty, asking him to spill out his blessings on seeds and crop fields. In the name of Lord Jesus Christ, Pierre Nkurunziza also asked God for a favourable climate so that all fields

of culture throughout the country could produce abundantly.

The Presidential Family subsequently planted beans, peas and maize on an area of 1.5 hectares.

According to the Head of State, other seeds will also be sown during this season, in this pastoral agro complex in Rutanga, including soybeans, potatoes, sweet potatoes etc.

It is also worth mentioning that a breeding of cows, goats and pigs is practiced in this area of the Head of State.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

Cankuzo : Inauguration of the Buhumuza Campus



The second Vice-President of the Republic His Excellency Joseph Butore on Tuesday 03 March 2020, respectively, inaugurated the Buhumuza campus in Cankuzo province and officially launched the 2019-2020 academic year. This campus is home to the Institute of Land Administration and Mapping and has more than 100 students.

Ceremonies marking the inauguration of this institute of land administration and mapping began with the ribbon cutting and the guided tour of the high authorities at this institute. The festivities continued with various speeches. In his welcome note, Cankuzo Governor Mr Desire Njiji said that this project to establish the branch of the University of Burundi in Cankuzo province has cost more than 716 million Burundian francs.

As for the Minister in charge of Higher Education Professor Gaspard Banyankimbona, he urged private universities to include in their annual budgets the costs allocated to research and experimentation centres in their institutions Respective.

For the second Vice-President of the Republic Dr Joseph Butore, this grandiose project based in Cankuzo is indeed part of the implementation of the national development plan PND2018-2027. He also urged universities to set up research centres in their institutions to help the Government cope with the various challenges that haunt the population. Dr Joseph Butore also encouraged the University of Burundi to remain a reference institution in the country and at the regional level.

Regarding the establishment of this new institute of land administration and mapping in Cankuzo, Dr Joseph Butore is pleased that this institute is helping to address the challenges that persist in the land sector. "It is timely to respond to the land conflicts that haunt the Burundian people and the Government," said the second Vice-President of the Republic Dr Joseph Butore.

To close, the Student Representative of the University

of Burundi pleaded for the grant loan on time and asked the competent authorities to do everything possible to ensure that the recipients of the post-basic school do not spend a year at home waiting for the start of the academic year. In relation to these concerns, Minister Professor Gaspard Banyankimbina said that University of Burundi officials are working to correct these irregularities.

On behalf of the people of Cankuzo, on behalf of the people of Cankuzo, the Governor of that province, Mr. Désiré Njiji, presented the second Vice-President of the Republic Dr Joseph Butore with 2 cows and 3 sheep and a cow to the Minister in charge of education. Higher.

It should be noted that the ceremonies ended with the awarding of awards and certificates of merit to the students who distinguished themselves in the previous year and to the professors and officials of the University of Burundi who gave their heart and soul to each other carrying out their day-to-day tasks.

(source: www.rtnb.bi)

Visit of the delegation of the Advisory Council for Women, Peace and Security of the Great Lakes Region



A delegation from the Advisory Council for Women, Peace and Security of the Great Lakes Region led by Ambassador Liberata Mulamula, Woman Leader of the Advisory Council, carried out a working mission to Burundi, from 2 to 4 March 2020, in the context of promoting the representation and full participation of Burundian women in the political life of the country in general.

On Monday, 2 March 2020, Minister of Foreign Affairs

His Excellency Ambassador Ezéchiel NIBIGIRA received this delegation from the Advisory Council in court.

The head of the delegation, Ambassador Liberata Mulamula, said that the purpose of the work mission is to monitor the implementation of recommendations from previous meetings held in 2018 in some countries, including Burundi, in order to make a sustained plea for greater participation of women in decision-making bodies, their full involvement in conflict prevention and management mechanisms, and their participation in political processes both at the national as well as regional.

Subsequently, Ambassador Liberata Mulamula appreciated the fact that the Government of Burundi attaches great importance to the fight against gender-based violence.

Speaking, Minister of Foreign Affairs H.E Ambassador Ezéchiel NIBIGIRA informed that the Government of Burundi is working to ensure women's social and economic empowerment and build their capacity

in terms of National. He also noted that the Government of Burundi rightly appreciates the contribution of this Consultative Council, especially for its strong message of support and encouragement to integrate women's priorities into development programs.

On Tuesday, March 3, 2020, the delegation of the Advisory Council for Women, Peace and Security of the Great Lakes Region led by Ambassador Liberata Mulamula held an exchange meeting with some authorities of the Government of Burundi, including the Minister Foreign Affairs, the Minister for Human Rights, Social Affairs and Gender, the Minister for Justice, Civil Protection and Seal Guard and a representative of the Minister of the Interior, Patriotic Training and Local development. During the exchanges, the two Parties discussed

the representation of women in decision-making bodies in Burundi. The authorities of the Government of Burundi have taken stock of the representation of Burundian women in decision-making bodies and discussed the various measures, rules and laws taken by the Government to encourage women to elect and get elected.

For example, the Government of Burundi authorities have indicated that of the top 50 municipal administrators who have performed better, more than thirty are women.

Ambassador Liberata Mulamula, Head of the delegation appreciated the step already taken and said that Burundi is leading by example in the representation of women in decision-making bodies. She encouraged the Government of Burundi to continue to include more women in state structures. (Source: Rédaction-MAE)



The Ministry in charge of Health prepares to deal with the coronavirus



Minister of Public Health and AIDS Control Dr Thaddée Ndikumana, along with partners in the United Nations system in Burundi and the World Bank, on Tuesday, 03 March 2020, paid a supervisory visit to the Transitional Centre for treatment of Ebola and Mudubugu Coronavirus in Gihanga commune of Bubanza province.

This transitional center, built systematically to accommodate suspected or confirmed cases of these infectious diseases of Ebola and coronavirus, is already operational, equipped with adequate equipment to respond to these diseases.

It is equipped with temporary buildings that can currently accommodate 24 cases with complete equipment meeting the standards of the World Health Organization (WHO) which is also the site's project manager for the management of cases. Confirmed.

On the same occasion, the supervisory team also visited the infectious disease management center under construction on the same hill, the aim was to see the progress of this construction work. This center is being built as part of the Government of Burundi's compliance with international health regulations.

According to Minister Thaddée Ndikumana, this sustainable centre of a large number of buildings will serve the

Ministry in charge of Health to properly control the infectious epidemics that can sustain both inside and outside the country. These centres will be equipped with modern laboratory equipment and will be piloted by the national Institute of Public Health (INSP) reference laboratory. The Minister is pleased that health care providers have been well trained. With this in mind, these two centres will be equipped with a mobile laboratory to make them more effective in diagnosing these diseases.

The Minister in charge of Health was keen to point out that the Government of Burundi, like other countries in the world, is working to prepare to quarantine visitors, tourists and Burundian nationals who would come countries under attack if WHO recommends it.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

The city of Ngozi blows out its 100 candles



Founded in 1920, the city of Ngozi blew out its 100 candles this Saturday, February 29, 2020. The celebrations marking the centenary of the city of Ngozi were enhanced by the presence of Finance Minister Dr. Domitien Ndiwokubwayo, who represented the Government. According to the Minister, the Government welcomes the efforts of the authorities and the people of this province in terms of socio-economic development.

On the ceremonial menu, it was the exaltation of the emblematic brands of the city of Ngozi such as the myth of Inarunyonga and Samandari, legendary characters of ancient times whose fame Ngozi owes in tourism.

In his welcome note, Ngozi's administrator Mr. SON-GAMBERE Radjabu said that Ngozi is a Swahili name for the skin, stating that this city was created by the skin trade in 1920. In his words of circumstance, the Governor of Ngozi, Mr. Albert Nduwimana indicated that the stage of socio-economic development of this city is satisfactory. Mr. Albert Nduwimana said that the city of Ngozi currently has quality public infrastructure including clean roads, modern markets, high-end hotels, solar power and several factories and processing of agri-food products.

According to Albert Nduwimana, the city of Ngozi also

has more than 150 economic operators importing several items from several foreign countries. He explained that the city of Ngozi has now become a supply centre for the rest of the country to the point of lending it the name Dubai.

As the city of Ngozi is seen as a commercial city, Ms. Annonciate Sendazirasa, an economics expert and native of the province, presented to the public the business opportunities in Ngozi province.

Speaking, Minister in charge of Finances Dr. Domitien Ndiwokubwayo, a native of Ngozi province who was the Government's delegate in the ceremonies, said the Government of Burundi congratulates Ngozi nationals on their 100th anniversary city's existence. He also said that the State of Burundi welcomes the level of development achieved by this province.

Dr. Domitien Ndiwokubwayo recalled that the city of Ngozi is known as the "eternal flame" because Ngozi province was the first to grow coffee, the country's main source of foreign exchange income. He added that it was the city of Ngozi that hosted in 1958, the first international match on Burundian soil.

"It was also in the town of Ngozi that the national anthem was taught for the first time in Burundi. It was also this province that was the birthplace of the famous singer-musician Canjo Hamissi who sang songs in honour of the country," said the Minister.

The centenary celebration of the city of Ngozi was also an opportunity to pay tribute to the native personalities of Ngozi who have contributed remarkably to its development. Among those awarded was Head of State Pierre Nkurunziza, who was seen in Ngozi as the guide to the development of this province.

Several dignitaries from Ngozi had also enhanced their presence these ceremonies. We will mention

the deputies and Senators elected in the constituency of Ngozi, some members of the Government and other distinguished guests such as members

of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps accredited in Burundi, senior religious leaders etc.

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UPRONA presidential candidate files for CENI



The candidate of the UPRONA party in the 2020 presidential elections Mr Gaston Sindimwo, the current 1st Vice-President of the Republic, on Wednesday 4 March 2020 submitted his application to the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) and the 2020 parliamentary candidates' records of his party's 2020. (source: www.rtnb.bi)

Independent "Dieudonné Nahimana" applies to CENI for presidential elections



Mr Dieudonné Nahimana, an independent candidate, submitted his application to the CENI on Wednesday, 04 March 2020, to participate in the presidential elections of 20 May 2020, and his file was accepted.

After filing the file, he hosted a press conference where he indicated that after a long career in youth leadership as the founder of the New Generation Association, as a pastor of a church and in civil society, he decided to participate in the upcoming elections for the post of President of the Republic.

(source: www.rtnb.bi)

CVR soon begins Mashitsi site



The President of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Ambassador Pierre Claver Ndayicariye, held a press conference for journalists in Bujumbura on Tuesday, 3 March 2020. Purpose: to discuss phase II of the exhumation of human remains from the 1972 crisis that began on 27 January 2020.

Ambassador Pierre Claver Ndayicariye reported that the first phase resulted in the emptying of 6 mass graves out of the 18 informed by the population. The second phase was to consolidate the work of the first phase, the results

of which reached 6,032 exhumed human remains of 1972, their treatment, their conservation and the organization of thorough investigations into the mass graves of the Ruvubu, he specified.

The President of the CVR reported that the human remains of these 1972 victims are temporarily kept in body bags and placed in a safe place in downtown Gitega.

Ambassador Pierre Claver Ndayicariye said that many eyewitnesses confided in the CVR: 2 witnesses born in 1912 and 1913 respectively, survivors of the Shombo commune who had held administrative functions were auditioned. He indicated that other witnesses heard are from different localities and the CVR avoids bigotry because it is aware that the truth it seeks is at the service of healing wounded hearts.

Ambassador Pierre Claver Ndayicariye mentioned that the total death toll to date is 7,348 people from the 8 mass graves at the Ruvubu site. He said the CVR is reflecting on how to manage Burundians'

wounded memories to build lasting peace.

A psychological support cell for visitors has been set up to deal with cases of trauma that may arise, the President of the CRV said.

CVR President Ambassador Pierre Claver Ndayicariye said the CVR used intelligence methodology to learn about the mass graves of Karuzi and Gitega. The CVR has extended its research beyond Ruvubu, Mutobo near Gishora, Giheta commune and Mashitsi near the IRAZ, as well as the Ntare Rugamba military camp with the mission of checking new mass graves from 1972, he said.

The President of the CVR has announced that the next step will be on the mass graves of Mashitsi. He mentioned that since Phase I and throughout Phase II, the CVR has continued to receive visits from high-ranking figures and other citizens who want to know the truth about mass graves.

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