



### Ngozi: Head of State delivers message for comfort



The family of the President of the Republic (H.E Evariste Ndayishimiye, his Spouse and children) joined the Christians of the Rwarangabo parish of Mwumba commune in the province of Ngozi in Sunday mass on July 12, 2020.

In his word of welcome, the Parish Priest of the Rwarangabo Parish Noël Father Nkurunziza thanked the kindness of the Presidential family to come and comfort them after the unexpected death of the Head of State Pierre Nkurunziza native of this parish. According to Father Noël Nkurunziza, this visit by the Presidential family is a sign that the deceased did not leave them orphan but with a successor who will continue to support them. Father Noël Nkurunziza implored the divine blessing for this distinguished host and successor to President Pierre Nkurunziza, he added. He wished him every success in

his new role.

In his message to the Christians of the Rwarangabo parish, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye told them that he was bringing a message of comfort after the unexpected death of President Pierre Nkurunziza, a native of this locality.

His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye asked the Christians of the Rwarangabo parish to support him by safeguarding unity and a regular prayer in order to succeed in his promise to be a servant of the Burundian people.

The Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye promised that he will stay by the side of the people of Ngozi province and has called them to work hard for the development in order to strengthen the legacy bequeathed to them by the late Pierre Nkurunziza.

After mass at the Rwarangabo parish, the family of the President of the Republic visited the mother of the late President Pierre Nkurunziza at home in the capital of the city of Ngozi to show her their support after the unexpected death of her son.

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## The Head of State meets the Catholic Bishops of Burundi



The Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye met on Tuesday July 14, 2020, the Catholic Bishops of Burundi. The latter came to present their congratulations to the Burundian number one and convey their requests regarding the country's politics.

The Head of State gave them the floor in the first place. The President of the Conference of Catholic Churches of Burundi Monsignor Joachim Ntahondereye first congratulated the President on his election to the head of the country. He also expressed the most sad condolences following the unexpected death of President Pierre Nkurunziza.

Monsignor Joachim Ntahondereye then submitted requests and grievances to the President of the Republic of Burundi, which requests consisted in knowing the current vision of the Head of State, what he intends to do for Burundi, to build a better Burundi.

Speaking, the Head of State first thanked these Catholic Bishops for this initiative because, the latter fits well with his vision but also with his firm and manifest will to build a Burundi that is always moving forward.

The Head of State asked these Bishops to understand that all Burundians without exception, including religious denominations must join in a spirit of collaboration.

They must understand that the role of everyone is necessary to build Burundi, said the Head of State of Burundi.

His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye promised to meet them even in the coming days to continue to exchange views and give them clarifications on the way in which Burundi is run. He insisted on building a modern state.

He specified that he must pass on the reinforcement of the coercive powers of the State, namely the Army, the Police, the Administration and the Justice which are considered by the Head of State as pillar of the development of Burundi.

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## Musongati FC team wins President's Cup



The President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye proceeded on Saturday July 11, 2020 to the launch of a football match counting for the President

Cup Final, 2020 edition. The Rukinzo FC team of the National Police and Musongati FC of Gitega crossed swords at Urukundo de Buye stadium in Mwumba commune in Ngozi province.

Before the kick off of the President's Cup final, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye awarded a certificate of honor to the late President Pierre Nkurunziza for his attachment to the promotion of sport. Lieutenant Kelly Nkurunziza the son of the late Nkurunziza received it on behalf of the family. They also observed a minute of silence in memory of the late President Pierre Nkurunziza.

In the first minute of play, the Musongati team from Gitega scored the first goal and in the 6th minute the Rukinzo FC team equalized with a

great combination of attackers. The first part of the match ended with a score of a goal everywhere.

After 90 minutes of regulation time, the score remained one goal everywhere. The 30-minute extension was over with still a blank score. Afterwards, the shots on goal separated the two teams with the victory of Musongati FC to 5 shots on goals against 4 of Rukinzo FC.

Musongati FC's victory was followed by

the awards ceremony. Aigle Noir 4th and Interstar 3rd received medals and a check for 3 million each, the 2nd team received medals and a check for 5 million.

The team champion of the President's Cup 2020 edition Musongati FC de Gitega was awarded a check for 7 million 500 thousand Burundian francs and a large cup given by the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye. (source. [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

### The First Lady of Burundi performs a charitable act towards two mothers



As a sign of the solidarity that has always characterized Burundians, the First Lady Angéline Ndayishimiye visited, Friday July 10, 2020, a mother who gave birth to triplets at the Center Hospitalo Universitaire de Kamenge (CHUK), including one unfortunately died some time after giving birth. By way of congratulation, the First Lady offered this mother diversified clothes, food and non-food products, a baby kit and an envelope to support herself and the babies.

On this occasion, the First Lady encouraged other benefactors to express their solidarity with the sick and all the needy and to come to the aid of the destitute, as provided for by the institution of the day dedicated to national solidarity.

The First Lady of Burundi took this opportunity to ask the Burundians not to take the Covid-19 pandemic lightly and to keep in mind the slogan "It recover, I neither want to be attached nor transmit" in the fight against this virus. She also asked them to continue to observe the barrier gestures announced by the Government in order to curb the spread of this pandemic.

At the same time, Her Excellency Angéline Ndayishimiye also assisted a family which gave birth to Siamese babies at the same hospital. She granted him the financial means necessary to pay for the scanner, a preliminary examination for the surgical operation which will allow to separate the two babies. (source. [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

### Senate candidates promise to support youth



The electoral campaign for the CNDD-FDD Senatorial Candidates is carried out before the members of the newly elected Communal Councils where these candidates present their social projects for their provinces of origin. In Rugazi commune in Bubanza province and in Buganda commune in Cibitoke province, the senatorial candidates have indicated that they will support development projects according to the possibilities of the respective communes



and encourage young people to create jobs. The Right Honorable Pascal Nyabenda, one of these candidate Senators in the constituency of Bubanza indicated that the needs of the population are the same: drinking water, electricity, good roads for the free movement of goods and people, bridges to be rehabilitated, etc. Once elected, he said the senatorial candidates plan to support the "Sangwe" cooperatives that operate in all of the country's communes in general and those in the Cibitoke and Bubanza prov-

inces in particular. They also plan to help young people develop bankable projects that will be funded by the youth bank.

The Secretaries of the CNDD-FDD party of the Cibitoke and Bubanza provinces called on the municipal councilors to vote for these candidates. They had the opportunity to show these voters how to proceed during the Senate election scheduled for July 20, 2020. (source. [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## Makamba: le Président du Sénat demande aux élus sortant de soutenir leurs successeurs



The President of the Senate, the Right Honorable Réverien Ndikuriyo, met on Sunday, July 12, 2020, the outgoing and incoming elected officials from all the municipalities as well as the administrative officials of the province of Makamba. It was about exchanging on the different works produced in this province during the period of 2015-2020.

Regarding the Senate, the President of this Institution the Right Honorable Réverien Ndikuriyo said that during the past 5 years, he made more than 50 visits abroad to explain the political and security situation in Burundi and more than 400 visits to all the municipalities where he spoke with the population on the change of mentality for development.

The President of the Senate, at the same time a native of Makamba province, the Right Honorable Réverien Ndikuriyo appreciated the contribution of each of the outgoing elected officials for the development of Makamba province. He asked them to respond to the call of the late President Pierre Nkurun-

ziza, inviting those who are finishing their mandate to guide and help their successors.

The Right Honorable Réverien Ndikuriyo called on the new elected officials to initiate innovative development projects for their respective municipalities, without forgetting the completion of the projects that are underway initiated by their predecessors.

The President of the Burundian Senate thanked the elected representatives leaving Makamba commune for the good collaboration which characterized them during their mandate and asks the newcomers to follow the same model.

The Right Honorable Réverien Ndikuriyo asked the people of Makamba to always ensure peace and security, sources of sustainable development. He urged him to build many hotels and passage houses to facilitate the accommodation of visitors and economic operators.

The outgoing Governor, Mr. Gad Niyukuri, bowed out for the President of the Senate, a native of Makamba province who has spared no effort to contribute to the development of this province.

Elected members of the constituency of Makamba province welcomed the initiative of the President of the Senate, the Right Honorable Réverien Ndikuriyo, to rally them around the subject of the development of their province and affirm that they welcome his advice, which they find very constructive.

(source. [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## Audience granted to the Minister of Hydraulics, Energy and Mines

This Wednesday, July 15, 2020, the Minister of Hydraulics, Energy and Mines, Ir Abraham UWIZEYE was received in audience by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation His Excellency Albert SHINGIRO. They exchanged on subjects of common interest. (Newsroom-MFADC)



## Audience granted to the Deputy Representative of the United Nations Children's Fund in Burundi (UNICEF)



This Wednesday, July 15, 2020, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, Mr. Isidore NTIRAMPEBA received in audience Mrs. Marjan MONTAZEMI, Deputy Representative of the United Nations Children's Fund in Burundi (UNICEF). Their discussions focused on the presentation of the UNICEF program in Burundi and the farewell presentation of the UNICEF Representative who has just completed his mandate in Burundi. (Newsroom-MFADC)

## Audience granted to the Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Burundi

This Monday, July 13, 2020, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, His Excellency Albert SHINGIRO received in audience, the Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Burundi, Ambassador Claude BOCHU who came for a courtesy visit. The Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Burundi took this opportunity to congratulate the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation for his new duties. (Newsroom-MFADC)



## Strengthening of friendly relationships and bilateral cooperation with partner countries



As part of the strengthening of cooperation between Burundi and Turkey, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Her Excellency Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO received in audience, on July 13, 2020, Madame Serap Ataay the Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey in Burundi. She came for a courtesy call and took this opportunity to congratulate the Minister on his new duties. (Newsroom-MFADC)



**Audience granted to the Ambassador of the South African Republic in Burundi**



This Wednesday, July 15, 2020, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation HE Albert SHINGIRO received in audience the Ambassador of the South African Republic in Burundi Mrs. Kgomotso Jolobe. She was coming for a courtesy call. The Ambassador of South Africa to Burundi took this opportunity to congratulate the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation on his new duties. (Newsroom-MFADC)

**Audience granted to the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium to Burundi**

This Monday, July 13, 2020, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation His Excellency Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO received in audience the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium to Burundi Mr. Alain VAN GUCH. He carried a message of congratulations from Mr. Philippe GOFFIN, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Defense of the Kingdom of Belgium. (Newsroom-MFADC)



**Each municipality will soon have a hospital**



The Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS organized Tuesday July 14, 2020, a meeting of the steering committee of the resilience program "Twiteho Amagara" which brings together foreign partners working in the health field in Burundi, international organizations such as the WHO, the European Union

and the executives of the Ministry in charge of Health.

This committee aims to improve the quality of the population's health and improve the accessibility of health care, as well as to bring healthcare structures together in all of the country's municipalities. The Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS Dr Thaddée Ndikumana indicated that each commune of the country will be provided with a hospital and each hill with a health post where community health workers will intervene. He said the Ministry has already inventoried 116 health centers that will be transformed into hospitals, and asks donors to intervene in the extension of these centers.

The WHO Representative raised the challenges that hindered the progress of this resilience project such as the border closures following Covid-19,

which delayed some supplies and reduced the availability of bondholders.

It is in this context that imported vehicles and medicines are not delivered on time. There are medicines and biomedical equipment that are stored at CAMEBU that are likely to be out of date and that must be distributed to the health districts as soon as possible, said the WHO Representative in Burundi.

Regarding the computerization of hospitals and other

central structures where donors would like the intervention of international experts, the Minister suggested that donors call on local computer specialists.

The Ministry is committed to recruiting nursing staff and this will make it possible to unblock district hospitals in the referral system against referral, the ideal being that since the beginning of 2021 these municipal hospitals are functional, concluded the Minister Thaddée Ndikumana. (source: [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## The Minister in charge of Equipment receives the Ambassador Delegate of the European Union in audience



The Minister of Infrastructure, Equipment and Social Housing Ir Déogratias Nsanganiumwami received in audience on Tuesday July 14, 2020, the Ambassador of the European Union in Burundi. At the end of the audience, Minister Déogratias Nsanganiumwami said that the Ambassador of the European Union had agreed to plead with the European Union so that direct cooperation between Burundi and the European Union would be revived.

The Minister of Infrastructure, Equipment and Social Housing said that the purpose of the visit was to make contact. It was also a question of analyzing together the projects financed by the European Union already carried out, those in progress and others which are in the study phase.

According to him, it was a question of asking the Ambassador of the European Union in Burundi to plead so that this organization can suspend the sanctions which it had taken since 2015.

European Union Ambassador Claude Bochu said that discussions have been fruitful, especially in terms of road infrastructure where 600 km have been built. Regarding the RN4 axis connecting Bujumbura and the DRC border, Claude Bochu said that the Embassy of the European Union will soon receive the reports from the technical study of the works.

He also mentioned the project to renovate the port of Bujumbura. The European Union Ambassador to Burundi said he was confident that work will start soon and that it is a long-term project. It will also involve the rehabilitation of roads leading to the airport and other infrastructure, said Claude Bochu.

On the sidelines of this audience, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Infrastructure, Equipment and Social Housing Mr. Egide Nijimbere said that the rehabilitation works on Avenue Mutaga located in the Kinanira district are advanced and estimated at 90% of production. Regarding the ravines threatening the RN1 and RN7 roads, Mr. Egide Nijimbere suggests that while awaiting the needs study reports, the Ministry has already drawn up diversion roads.

As for the progress of the construction works of the RN3 Bujumbura-Mugina (Tanzania), the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry in charge of Infrastructure, Equipment and Housing Social indicated that the contract award reports are already in the hands of donors, once approved, work will start, he concluded. (source: [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## Children of the presidential family helping the victims of the Gatumba floods



The children of the presidential family and those of the late Pierre Nkurunziza and other young

people offered Saturday, July 11, 2020, aid consisting of rice, beans and school materials to the victims of the Gatumba floods gathered in the site of Kigaramango.

This aid consisted of one tonne of rice, one tonne of beans, soaps, notebooks and an envelope of one million Burundian francs which will serve as a first-grade retainer for 150 students.

These young people promise to continue collecting this kind of aid to help these flood victims and other children in difficulty. (source: [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## The association "Blessed to bless" grants aid to the missionary center of charity of Kirundo



The association "Blessed to bless" chaired by Mademoiselle Naomie Nkurunziza, daughter of the late President Pierre Nkurunziza on Monday July 12, 2020 granted food and non-food aid to the Missionaries of Charity of the Sisters of Mother Teresa of Calcutta of the Kirundo province.

This aid consists of rice, beans, porridge, loincloths, basins, laundry soap, pampers.

The missionary center of Charity of the Sisters of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, beneficiary of the help from "Blessed to bless", takes care of orphans, the elderly, people living with a handicap and the mentally handicapped.

Miss Naomie Nkurunziza President of the association "Blessed to bless" indicated that this charitable soul comes to her from her family whose motto is "blessed to bless" (blessed to bless). According to this association, it is better that those whom God has blessed

bless others.

Miss Naomie Nkurunziza indicated that this assistance is part of the good habits of Burundians to stand in solidarity with people in difficulty, a way to comfort them, to show them that they are not abandoned by society, but that they are like other Burundians despite their difficulties.

The manager of this center says she is very moved that such small children have a charitable soul. She encourages them to grow with this spirit of generosity because for her, God created us to love and be loved. She appreciates the support of the Burundian authorities to the community of the Sisters of Mother Teresa of Calcutta in the care of people in difficulty. She also makes a vibrant appeal to charitable souls to provide this center with support to accompany it in this humanitarian action. (source: [www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))



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