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The President H.E Evariste Ndayishimiye urges the natives of Kirundo to overcome all divisions and work to restore their province to its status of "Tourist capital and granary of Burundi"



This Thursday, October 07, 2021, at the communal stadium located in Vumbi, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye led a moralization session on a good governance for elected Officials and Administratives, political and religious Officials natives of Kirundo province.

After the welcoming speech by the Governor of Kirundo who indicated that his province currently enjoys a generally satisfactory security situation and that the threat posed by the spread of Covid 19 is now under control. The President Ndayishimiye, for four hours, instilled in the participants in this moralization the vision and fundamental values of the Responsible and Laborious State. He urged the natives of Kirundo to overcome all divisions and work to restore their province to its prestigious status as "granary of Burundi and tourist capital", as the potential of this Northern Prov-

ince is great.

HE Evariste Ndayishimiye insisted on the urgency of developing and reforming Burundi in depth through the promotion of fair justice and good governance in the sectors of national life. The Burundian Head of State calls for a patriotic leap to concretely propel Burundi into a new era of socio-economic progress.

His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye pointed out to them that this will necessarily require an evolution of mentalities and a fully awakened and renewed consciousness: "Burundi suffers from the unconsciousness of certain leaders who have lost the sense of sacrifice and of public service, which finds its deep roots in an identity crisis that has shaken several generations. It is true that Burundians still carry with them the after-effects of the ethnic divisions of the past, but soon the people of Kirundo will get rid of it, the better it will be to achieve socio-economic development the much desired it will be".

In the same framework, the Head of State asked all Burundians in general and the natives of Kirundo in particular to unite their forces without further delay because "the future of Burundi depends on our own capacity of or-

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ganization without waiting for any external aid and it is not the natural and human resources that we lack ”

The President of the Republic of Burundi urged the elected officials, Administratives, political and religious Leaders of the Kirundo province to lead by example by renouncing all forms of division and baseness; and thus show themselves worthy of the trust that burundian people have placed in them. The President Ndayishimiye said that, in order to guarantee a good governance, the Government of Burundi will always ensure "to put the

right men and women in the right place" and to exclude those who do not deserve it.

In this real way to the socio-economic development of Burundi as a reconciled and united people, the Father of the Nation called for the vigilance of all, in accordance with the constitution of Burundi, in order to preserve peace, security, national unity, sovereignty and dignity. (www.presidence.gov.bi)

The President Evariste Ndayishimiye: "Fair and independent justice is a prerequisite for peace and socioeconomic development"



During a meeting to assess the security situation at the national level organized in Mutaho on Wednesday, October 06, 2021, the President of the Republic of Burundi HE Evariste Ndayishimiye reaffirmed the commitment of the Government of Burundi to establish a fair and independent justice : "All Senior Executives having Security, Defense, Justice and Administration in their attributions must make a personal commitment to work for the establishment of fair and independent justice in Burundi, because it is a prerequisite for the peace and socioeconomic development of the country. Let us keep in mind that there is no peace without justice and there is no peace without bread."

Indeed, this meeting saw the participation of all the Officials of the Ministries in charge of Justice, National Defense, Home Affairs and Public Security, who usually collaborate through joint security committees established on all the hills of Burundi.

Although the situation is generally positive in terms of security, isolated incidents have been recorded, includ-

ing acts of terrorism that the whole world has hastened to denounce and condemn. As the holiday season approaches, security and administration Officials have been urged to be proactive and take action in advance.

Another major commitment resulting from this highly studious working session, the Magistrates and Prosecutors promise to take up the major challenge identified in their sector, that of impartiality and the fight against corruption. The Head of State described that day as decisive because "if it is translated into concrete actions, the will expressed by the speakers will mark the beginning of a new era in Burundi and a good start of 2022 year for all Burundians".

For urgent measures to be put in place in specific cases, the Head of State Evariste Ndayishimiye reaffirmed his availability to support the transformation of the burundian judicial system, within the framework of the Superior Council of the Magistracy. (www.presidence.gov.bi)

All Burundian citizens are called upon to preserve cultural heritage, a pillar of sustainable development



While proceeding to the official launch of the activities of the first edition of the National Culture Festival, held on Friday, October 1 at the Intwari stadium in the town hall of Bujumbura, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye reminded all Burundian citizens their duty to preserve and transmit the culture and customs of their ancestors which constitute their identity and which will allow Burundi to shine in the concert of Nations.

These ceremonies of the 1st edition of the National Culture Festival which have as central theme: "Let's build a radiant Burundi, founded on our culture", began with a parade and were subsequently embellished by dances from different cultural groups from all the provinces of Burundi, each with its own cultural specialty, such as "Intore de Kirundo", "Ingoma de Gishora", "Agasimbo de Makamba", etc.

The President of the Republic as well as other participants in these festivities also had the opportunity

to visit various exhibition stands of works of art produced by Burundian artisans from each province. He encouraged them and wished them to go ahead.

In his speech for the occasion, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye said that this festival was a great opportunity for Burundians to redefine strategies aimed at promoting and safeguarding their rich and varied culture and customs, with a view to develop Burundi.

To young Burundians, the Head of State asked them to continue to evolve, especially with regard to the increased use of new information and communication technologies, while safeguarding burundian customs. He recommended to the youth to avoid any form of degradation or foreign cultural mutation that could alter the originality and identity of burundian values. "Every Burundian should know that a country without culture is like a tree without roots," he said.

The Head of State also recalled that for a long time, the Burundians had been doing a so-called "Ikibiri" work to increase production. As such, he called on the Burundians to learn to work in associations or cooperatives to develop the country.

Before concluding his speech, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye called on the Burundians in general and the youth in particular to draw inspiration from the know-how of our ancestors to promote the development of the country in several areas including research and transformation of mineral wealth, industry, health, commerce, etc.

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Spokespersons from different institutions hold a public broadcast

Spokepersons from different public institutions held a public broadcast on Friday October 8, 2021 in the capital of Karusi province where they answered questions from journalists and the population on all sectors of the country's life. Addressing the greetings of the Head of State Evariste Ndayishimiye to the population, the Spokesperson of the President of the Republic Madam Evelyne Butoyi said that the Head of State is delighted that peace and security are a reality in

Burundi.

The Head of State called on the Burundian population to remain vigilant because the troublemakers have not yet disarmed. He urges the population to denounce anyone who disturbed security in recent days, said the Spokesperson Madam Evelyne Butoyi.

The Head of State urged students to study diligently and avoid delinquency during this new school year. He asked all the burundian population to work hard and to well develop the country in general.

The President of the Republic also called on the farmers to go about their activities, to work in cooperatives because the growing season A is at hand.

The Head of State invited the Burundian population to continue to respect the barrier measures against Covid

-19 and to be screened for this disease at least twice a week, according to Mrs Evelyne Butoyi, the spokesperson of the President of the Republic of Burundi.

The Head of State Evariste Ndayishimiye also called on the Burundian refugees to return back home and urged the population to welcome the returnees while helping them in their socio-professional reintegration.

Responding to questions from journalists and the population, various questions have been answered.

Regarding the reports of the Security Council which stipulate that there is no improvement in terms of human rights in Burundi during the mandate of the Head of State H.E Evariste Ndayishimiye, the Spokesperson Madam Evelyne Butoyi stressed that the efforts of the Head of State are visible in different sectors of national life despite the terrorist attacks that took place in recent days.

On the question of the suspension of the exploitation of rare earths in Burundi, Madam Evelyne Butoyi indicated that this measure came after a report by the Government of Burundi of losses recorded in this sector. The situation is under analysis so that the Government signs new contracts with operators, said Madam Evelyne Butoyi.

Regarding the appointment of certain executives accused of embezzlement and corruption within various institutions, Madam Evelyne indicated that the Head of State is the Father of the Nation, He has a full power to appoint or dismiss any person from his post.

Regarding the effectiveness of the international arrest warrants issued by the Attorney General of the Republic of Burundi against the alleged perpetrators of the recent grenade attacks, the Government Spokesperson Mr. Prosper Ntahogwamiye said that the Government hopes that the latter will be extradited by the countries which host them as part of the good cooperation between the countries.

Regarding information from the "Red-Tabara" group



circulating on social networks calling on the population not to use national roads after 6 p.m. due to insecurity, the Government Spokesperson Mr. Prosper Ntahorwamiye said that this information is part of terrorist acts because, he explained, even the day before, there were those

who arrived there in Karusi after 6 p.m. to take part in that public broadcast. Although security reigns throughout the national territory, he calls for vigilance by reducing night trips in particular, according to our Burundian tradition, Mr. Prosper Ntahorwamiye continued.

Regarding the current situation of covid-19 in Burundi in relation to the vaccine, the Minister in charge of public health indicated that in the coming days the volunteers will receive this vaccine, there will be no awareness, we will only specify places prepared to serve those who want. The purchasers of this vaccine will be responsible for its consequences, said the Spokesperson for the Ministry in charge of public health.

In relation to the regulation of the fines that the administrators have inflicted on various personalities in recent days, the Spokesperson of the Ministry having public security in its attributions, stressed that only local Administrators have the power to assess the extent of a fault committed in order to make a consequent decision to punish the perpetrators of faults.

Regarding the Congolese population who hold burundian national identity cards, the Government Spokesperson affirms that there are irregularities in the granting of these cards and that, however, after investigations, these illegal national identity cards will be withdrawn from their holders.

Regarding the inventory of the 19 rebels that Rwanda handed over to the burundian defense force, the Supreme Court Spokes person Madam Agnès Bangiricenge indicated that investigations are underway and that after the investigations the latter will be brought to justice.

Regarding the implementation of the Head of State's promise to retirees (to benefit from a salary at least equal to that which they received before), the Government Spokesperson and the Spokesperson of the

Head of State reassure those who are concerned: the analysis of this file is underway and has reached a satisfactory point.

Responding to the question of what is missing for the Burundian-Rwandan border to be reopened while other borders are reopened, the Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Mrs. Inès Sonia NIYUBAHWE indicated that the causes of the closure were not the same.

Responding to the question of when the issuance of certificates of conformity and the authorization of fragmentation by the Ministry in charge of social housing

to those who are concerned, the Spokesperson of the Ministry in charge of public works Mrs Jeane Mukenguruka calls on those who are concerned to wait because, the technicians are at work.

Regarding the information provided by social networks relaying that there are missing persons in recent days, the Spokesperson for the Ministry in charge of public security invites the population to always contact the authorities empowered to jointly conduct investigations. (. (**rédaction info net**)

Mwaro: Ombudsman calls for development of trade and tourism



The Ombudsman of the Republic of Burundi Honorable Edouard Nduwimana held on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, a meeting in the capital of Mwaro province with Administrative Officials, Heads of departments working in this province, Officials of political parties and Leaders of religious denominations. The objective of this meeting was to sensitize these leaders and the population on a good governance and the strengthening of peace and security.

During this meeting, the Ombudsman congratulated the administration of Mwaro that knew how to consolidate peace and security. Nevertheless, Honorable Edouard Nduwimana pointed out that the enemies of peace are still there and urged the Administrators and the population to remain vigilant and to ensure security.

He asked the members of the joint security committees to work hand in hand without distinction of membership of political parties, recalling that ethnic divisions are now over. The Ombudsman also congratu-

lated the administrative staff and the entire population of Mwaro province for the step already taken in development. He encouraged them to work hard to develop and to redouble their efforts to overcome poverty.

Honorable Edouard Nduwimana took this opportunity to recall that the State of Burundi has made agriculture and livestock a pillar of development. It was an opportunity to call on the intellectuals of Mwaro to take the lead in the intensification of agriculture, by working in cooperatives.

He also invited the administrative Officials and the population of the Mwaro province to support the development programs initiated by the Government of Burundi, while recommending them to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the National Road Nr. 18 macadamized, to develop the trade and tourism.

Speaking of the missions of the institution of the Ombudsman, Honorable Edouard Nduwimana welcomed the fact that the mixed reconciliation and conflict prevention committees set up by this institution from the

hill to the level of the province are functional throughout the province of Mwaro. He encouraged them to continue to play their role fully.

The Ombudsman also reminded administrative Officials of Mwaro that the institution he heads has the prerogatives to listen to and investigate complaints from citizens against the public administration.

He then presented to various Officials present, the new Coordinator of the center-east branch of the Ombudsman institution, Mrs. Angèle Barumpozako. The Ombudsman asked the administrative Officials of Mwaro to support and collaborate with him.

In conclusion, the Ombudsman noted the persistence of the Covid-19 pandemic and deplored the fact that it is the most advanced who neglect this disease. He urged the administrative Officials of this province to observe the barrier measures against this pandemic and to sensitize the population to do the same.

It should be remembered that the new Coordinator of the central-eastern branch of the Ombudsman institution is a mediator in the provinces of Cankuzo, Ruyigi, Gitega, Karusi, Muramvya and Mwaro. (www.rtnb.bi)

The Arab Republic of Egypt grants a donation of medicines to the Republic of Burundi

This Thursday, October 7, 2021, the Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Burundi HE Mr. Yasser Elsayed and the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development

Cooperation Mr. Ferdinand Bashikako proceeded to the delivery and reception of a donation of medicines offered by the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Government of the Republic of Burundi. The Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Burundi HE Mr. Yasser Elsayed, said that it was



within the framework of supporting the efforts of HE Mr. Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi, to develop the country, that that donation of medicines was granted. He said the Egyptian President H.E.M. Abdel Fattah Al-sisi is very determined to honor all the commitments made during the recent visit in

March of HE Evariste Ndayishimiye to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

In his word of thanks, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Mr. Ferdind Bashikako returned to the good relations of friendship and cooperation that characterize

the two countries based on the existence of a cordon historical and natural umbilical which is the Nile river with Burundi upstream and Egypt downstream. He said that cooperation between Burundi and Egypt dates back several years and has always been characterized by multiple supports in various fields.

Mr. Ferdinand Bashikako said that progress towards a modern and prosperous nation requires a good management and equitable and sustainable development of human capital. "It is in this perspective that the Government of



Burundi included in its National Development Plan (PND 2018-2027) priority actions to improve access to healthcare and the level of health of the population through a system of health efficient, strong and resilient. After having called on its multiple partners, here is that in response, the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt



has decided to grant 15 packages (2 tons), a donation of medicines to relieve ailments of Burundians and foreign patients who are receiving health care at the Kamenge Military Hospital and the Bujumbura Police Hospital,"said the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry

of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation.

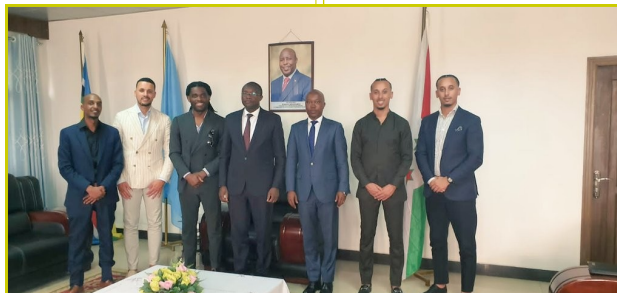
Mr. Ferdinand Bashikako ended his remarks by reiterating his feelings of gratitude, on behalf of the Government of Burundi, to the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt which continues to demonstrate its effective will to support the efforts of the Burundian Government.

It should be remembered that this donation of medicines is mainly composed of consumables for the hemodialysis unit of the Military Hospital of Kamenge and the Police Hospital of Bujumbura.

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Young Burundian-Dutch investors visit Burundi

As part of implementing the vision of the laborious and responsible Government, and in order to achieve the objective of economic diplomacy, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO received in audience, on October 4, 2021, a group of young Burundian-Dutch investors who are in Burundi to explore investment opportunities in the areas of production of cof-



fee, tea, flower and in the transport area. These young investors who were accompanied by the Ambassador of Burundi in the Netherlands H.E.M Gama-liel NKURUNZIZA have been in Burundi for some

time. They benefit from the good climate of Burundi, the tranquility, as well as the peace and security which reign throughout all the national territory (MFADC).

The Minister in charge of solidarity suspends residential centers that do not meet standards

The Minister in charge of National Solidarity organized on Thursday October 7, 2021 in Gitega, a meeting to assess the implementation of the recommendations made during a meeting on April 10, 2020 with the Heads of residential centers



working throughout the National territory.

In that meeting, the Inspector General in the Ministry in charge of National Solidarity said that they recently carried out visits to these establishments to inquire about the state of implementation of the recom-

recommendations made to the responsible for these residential centers. According to him, some centers were found to be at high risk of non-compliance with minimum standards.

He explained that the investigators found that some centers do not enjoy recognition by the administration or are not recognized by the Ministry of Home Affairs as a non-profit association and others do not have the population and some others face a lack of financial means.

Taking into account the results of this evaluation which took place in August and September of this

year 2021, the Minister having solidarity in her attributions Mrs. Imelde Sabushimike took the decision to suspend the activities of 13 residential centers which have not complied with the recommendations made to them by the Ministry.

The Minister in charge of Solidarity Mrs. Imelde Sabushimike thanked all those who give themselves to take care of people in vulnerable situations. She invited those in charge of the residential centers to work legally by respecting the law that governs these centers. (www.rtnb.bi)

Inauguration of the open-air exhibition on the role of Civil Society Organizations in Burundi

The Director of the Cabinet of the Mayor of the Town Hall of Bujumbura, Ambassador Jean Bosco Barege, in collaboration with the delegation of the European Union (EU) in Burundi, preceded on Thursday September 30, in the place of Independence, to the inauguration of the open-air exhibition on the role of civil society Organizations (OSC) in Burundi, noted the ABP.

Ambassador Barege, who represented the mayor of the city at this open-air exhibition highlighting the work of local civil society organizations, noted that the civil society is synonymous with people. If we talk about civil society organizations, we mean groups of people who come together to seek a common interest, he explained.

In fact, the Representative of the Mayor of the city



congratulated the Burundians because, he said, they are beginning to understand that the OSC does not have the objective of being against the Government, but rather it has as mission to support the development of the population in general and the country in particular. He also congratulated the EU Ambassador in Burundi and his team on the program for support of this civil society in Burundi which aims to support the OSC so that they can keep moving forward. He did not fail to congratulate all the organizations that were exposed to the place of Independence, which have a humanitarian heart in their diversity. He

also thanked the Association Tuvurweneza (ATN), created in 2015 by a group of seven nurses living at Nyabiraba, in Bujumbura province, who work in the health sector. He pointed out that people should think about the development of the country while using the acquired knowledge because, he said, the private sector plays the role of developing the country, while the Government plays the role of regulator. He called on the media to act as a link between the administration and the population, since they play a vital role in educating, informing and providing the population with correct information regarding the work of civil society. The Ambassador of the European Union to Burundi, Mr. Claude Bochu, thanked the Town Hall of Bujumbura, through the Director of Cabinet of the Mayor of the



town, for his participation in the inauguration of the said exhibition and for the layout of the locations for the installation of the 27 OSC panels which are the subject of the exhibition for this year.

The civil society in Burundi has a crucial role in the development of the country, underlined the Ambassador of the EU in Burundi, before pointing out to have been struck by the diversity of this civil society and its dynamism, composed by national organizations, provinces and hills active in the fields of health, education, the environment, the economy, etc. According to the EU Ambassador in Burundi, the civil society has a role of alerting, mentoring and supporting the development of the country. He indicated that this civil society support program in Burundi is funded by the EU to the tune of two million euros. Ambassador Bochu ended his remarks by inviting townspeople to visit Independence Square which houses this exhibition which will last a whole month, that is to say from September 30 to October 31, which will allow them to know what burundian civil society is.

For his part, the legal representative of the Village Association for Mutual Aid and Community Development (AVEDEC), Mr. Nestor Mburente, noted that this visit by the Representative of the Mayor of the town and the EU Ambassador in Burundi is encouraging because this association has already worked in part-



nership with the EU delegation, through four projects at national level. He welcomed the fact that Ambassador Bochu was present to inquire about their achievements, through this exhibition.

Mr. Mburente pointed out that AVEDEC works in some provinces of the country and intervenes in the professional management of

water and natural resources, specifying that through this exhibition which promotes visibility to the OSC, AVEDEC will be in contact with other partners, both financial and technical.

After appreciating the organization of the said exhibition, the Vice-President of the education for all Bafashebigi coalition, Mr. Cassien Gashirahamwe, said that this coalition is at the service of the population and works in frank collaboration with the Ministry in charge.

Note that 26 OSC covering the themes of the Burundi National Development Plan (PND Burundi 2018-2027) have been selected by the EU. Their achievements are rooted in areas such as health, agriculture, food security, environment, education, employability, the fight against violence for women, social protection, rural development and governance.

-Source: ABP

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