



Dismissal of the corrupt Magistrates: A man of principles and values at the head of Burundi.



On thursday august 11, 2022, to restore the country and establish fair justice for all in Burundi, the corrupt Magistrates were suddenly dismissed by a Presidential Decree signed by the President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE.

It should be noted that His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHI MIYE is the first President of the Republic of Burundi to clean up so much. A real tremor in the feared and respected justice sector in Burundi.

Long before his Investiture, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE had undoubtedly felt the urgency and thirst for jus-

tice of the Burundian people, and he gave himself the means to achieve reform in the sector. We would not be completely wrong to suppose that he did his years of law for this purpose.

As soon as his Investiture took the day, the justice sector was his hobbyhorse. He knows very well that if he wins this battle, he will make short work of all the others because Justice is the very foundation of the country, of the rule of Law.

His mastery of the Law, his deep hatred of all forms of injustice and his love for his compatriots are undoubtedly his best motivations. From the start of his mandate, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE has never ceased to warn those who abuse their power and make injustice and corruption reign:

“We have come a long way as a country but we will restore our homeland. I call for a very radical change of mentality. Break with the old ways. I give you one year to change and after this

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time, no proven deviation will be tolerated »

It was during this first year that the first judicial reforms were studied and for the most informed, the recent dismissal measures are only a logical consequence because His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE has the reputation of a man of his word, who always does what he says.

His commitment is that of a true Father of the Nation, who has traveled the provinces of the country to meet the population. It is thanks to this proximity that he will grasp the extent of the dysfunction of the judicial system. It is from this close contact with the population that loves him that the President of the Republic Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE noted the breach of trust between the population and the judicial authorities, undermined by corruption and injustice.

On his instruction, the Ministry of Justice carried out a major campaign with field visits in all the provinces to make an inventory of the judgments rendered whose execution has been delayed or prevented, irregular cases that have become res judicata. This campaign also enabled the review of more than 3,400 files that were piled up at the Ministry, the files having been distributed and reviewed in the provinces of origin of the complainants for quick, easy and efficient processing.

Faced with a multitude of complaints, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE will go so far as to make his personal contact number

public, "determined to be the voice of the voiceless as the injustices were numerous". The legal advisers of the Superstructure, called upon henceforth, had never been so solicited as during the past two years.

However, although Supreme Magistrate, the power of the President of the Republic was limited on certain appeals. The regulatory reform of which he is the initiator intervened to facilitate "access to Justice" for litigants, in particular through the Permanent Secretariat of the Judiciary, which submits the files to the Superior Council of the Judiciary where the real power of the Supreme Magistrate. Before the reform, this title gave him limited power over certain files.

It is within this same framework that the discipline of magistrates can now be discussed and studied, hence the recent dismissal of several corrupt magistrates, after studying complaints.

The feeling of omnipotence of certain Magistrates is now diminished and this measure also has a warning value for the entire Body of Justice and well beyond. Messages of relief and "blessings" have been pouring in since then, some hailing the Head of State's determination, others expressing gratitude and joy at having a man of principles and values at the head of the Burundian state.

To achieve its dream of fair justice for all Burundians, the next step will be the re-establishment of the Council of Notables, which appears in the Annual Action Plan of the Ministry of Justice. (www.presidency.bi)

The New Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia presents his credentials



On thursday august 11, 2022, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE received in audience at the Ntare Rushatsi Palace, the New Ambassador of Saudi Ara-

bia, Mr. Abdullah Ali Al Sheryan, who came to present his credentials.

During their discussions, they insisted on the strengthening of bilateral relations of friendship, brotherhood and mutually beneficial cooperation. Indeed, relations between the Republic of Burundi and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia date back to the 1970s and relate to social infrastructure.

The Saudi diplomat, residing in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, seized this opportunity to seek the support of Burundi to support their country's candidacy for the organization of Expo 2030.

The President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE promised him that "Burundi plans to consider this request favorably". (www.presidency.bi)

President NDAYISHIMIYE urges Burundian political actors to overcome their ideological divisions to contribute to the socio-economic recovery of the country



On thursday august 11, 2022, during the opening of the activities of a two-day retreat organized in Gitega since for the leaders of approved political parties in Burundi, the President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE urged Burundian political actors to overcome their ideological divisions and be guided by the patriotic spirit; put forward the best interests of the Nation in this important phase of socio-economic recovery of the country.

In this retreat organized under the theme: "Political and economic governance in a democratic state", the Head of State, in his speech, called on Burundian politicians to be real actors of Peace, Security, Good Governance, Justice and Development of their country.

In the judicial field, the Burundian Number One His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE reveals his commitment to reforming the Burundian judicial system. As such, he announces the dismissal of 35 corrupt magistrates, a decision taken during the recent session of the Superior Council of the Judiciary in order to discourage any form of failure in this sector.

With regard to the shortage of certain basic necessities such as fuel, the Burundian President urges political actors to remain optimistic in the face of this situation which, moreover, results from certain changes at the global level in political, economic and climatic matters; and which, according to him, is only a matter of time. He calls on all Burundian citizens to devote themselves to development activities. (www.presidency.bi)

The UMUGIRANEZA Polyclinic, work of the UMUGIRANEZA Good Action Foundation opens its doors



On monday august 8, 2022, the UMUGIRANEZA Polyclinic was inaugurated with 7 departments including the Emergency Department, Internal Medicine, Gynecology-obstetrics, Ophthalmology, Maternity, Pediatrics and Surgery. She comes to facilitate the population of this locality who traveled distances in search of medical care.

At the beginning of this project, the Foundation Bonne Action UMUGIRANEZA started with an ophthalmology program in 2019, which also of-

fered a mobile service. Afterwards, the President of the Foundation Bonne Action UMUGIRANEZA Her Excellency Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE was kind enough to build a whole polyclinic to include other services that the population needs most. Note that in addition to these services, the Foundation Bonne Action UMUGIRANEZA is working hard to open soon the fertility service that will come to meet the needs of infertile families.

In her speech, the First Lady and Founder of the UMUGIRANEZA Good Action Foundation rejoiced at the fulfillment of one of her dreams, and she thanked all those who have contributed from near or far to the realization of this project. She especially recognized the constructive advice of His Excellency the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE since the beginning of this project.

Speaking, the Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS thanked the First Lady Her Excellency Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE for this great contribution she makes in the field of health. She cited the major

projects she has already carried out such as the construction of the obstetric fistula treatment center in Gitega and the medical center for listening and psychological care in Ngozi.

The President of the Republic, His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, in his speech, congratulated the UMUGIRANEZA Good Action Foundation for this accomplished work, while wishing this Polyclinic full success in the health field. The Burundian Number One also indicated that such works are to be encouraged,

especially since the good health of the population is a priority of the Government.

These inauguration activities of the UMUGIRANEZA Polyclinic saw the participation of other guests of honor such as the Apostolic Nuncio to Burundi Dieudonné Datonou who took the time to bless the building of the Polyclinic, the Chinese Ambassador to Burundi, some Representatives of United Nations system Agencies in Burundi, and many others.(www.rtnb.bi)

The 1st Lady receives in audience the outgoing UNDP Representative in Burundi



On August 10, 2022, the First Lady His Excellency Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE, at the same time President of the Office of the First Lady for Development in Burundi (OPDD), received in audience, the outgoing UNDP Representative in Burundi Nicole KOUASSI. She came to bid farewell after her tenure at the head of UNDP in Burundi.

After the audience, Nicole KOUASSI indicated that the purpose of this courtesy visit was to bid farewell to

the First Lady of Burundi at the end of her mandate. She welcomed the support of the First Lady in various projects funded by UNDP with the aim of promoting the socio-economic empowerment of women in Burundi. She praised the frank collaboration with the various leaders of the country, starting with the First Lady Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE. Mrs Nicole KOUASSI further affirmed that she will keep Burundi in her mind.

“What memories about Burundi? I am leaving a very beautiful country, I will miss Burundi, Burundi will always be a place where I can come at any time, concluded the outgoing UNDP Representative in Burundi”, Nicole KOUASSI.

The First Lady Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE, in turn thanked the outgoing UNDP Representative Nicole KOUASSI while indicating that she remained alongside the Burundian people in the realization of several development projects during her mission in Burundi. The 1st Lady wished her every success in her new functions that she will occupy in Niger. (www.rtnb.bi)

Senate: The law amending the organic framework of religious denominations adopted



On Wednesday August 10, 2022, the Minister of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security Mr. Gervais NDIRAKOBUCA was the guest of the day in a plenary

session at the Senate Chamber in Gitega. The objective was to present the bill amending Law No. 1/35 of December 2014 on the organic framework of religious denominations.

The Minister of the Interior explains to the Senators that the law on the organic framework of religious denominations is clear as to the procedure for their approval and their functioning. But according to the Minister, inquisitively, some religious denominations have deviated from the main objective of giving their followers morality on the faith. According to him, instead of

being benchmarks of morality, of doing good and avoiding evil, they have become grounds for conflict and confrontation between the faithful, added the Minister of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security.

The bill under analysis comes at the right time. The Minister specified that the various irregularities that are observed today in certain religious denominations do not come from the absence of legislation but rather from non-compliance with the law.

It is in this concern that the Government of Burundi brings innovations to the law in force to find a lasting solution to the problems which haunt the organiza-

tion and the functioning of religious denominations, underlined the Minister.

He specified that these innovations will allow the religious denominations which pose acts disturbing the order in the company, to adopt a behavior being used as reference marks of the morals, to make the good and to avoid the disorder tending to involve the bickering between their leaders.

After all these explanations provided by the Minister who represented the Government, the Senators unanimously adopted Law No. 1/35 of December 31, 2014 amending the organic framework of religious denominations. (www.rtnb.bi)

Signing of 3 ADB grant agreements



On Monday August 9, 2022, the Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning Mr. Domitien NDIHOKUBWAYO and the Head of the ADB Mr. Pascal YEMBILINE signed in Bujumbura, three Grant Agreements relating to projects financed by the African Development Bank (ADB).

The three projects are:

-The Lake Tanganyika Transport Corridor Development Project, Phase 1 and Bujumbura Port Rehabilitation.

This project aims to improve the regional transport network to stimulate trade and contribute to the economic growth of the region. The amount of financing is 19,700,000 Euros for a period of three years. For the ADB country manager Pascal YEMBILINE, it is a regional integration project which aims to increase the capacity and efficiency of the port of Bujumbura. It is also a project jointly financed by the European Union which contributes approximately 22 million dollars, the ADB financ-

ing of 24 million dollars had already been the subject of a separate agreement on February 18, 2020 with the Government of Burundi. On Tuesday, it was therefore a question of signing the European Union grant agreement of 20 million euros which is administered by the ADB within the framework of the delegation agreement for indirect management (PAGODA).

For the Ambassador and Head of delegation of the European Union Mr. Claude Bochu, the EU is convinced and has been involved in the development of the port of Bujumbura since 2018 because it understands the strategic importance both for Burundi and for other countries bordering Lake Tanganyika. "A modernized port of Bujumbura would allow Burundi to no longer remain on the sidelines, to contribute but also to fully benefit from the fallout from regional integration" insisted Mr. Claude Bochu. He reiterated his expectation of a rigorous and experienced control, and therefore the choice of a solid consulting engineer, in order to ensure compliance with quality standards, environmental standards, deadlines and costs.

-The emergency agricultural production project in Burundi.

The objective of the project is to strengthen the food security of the Burundian populations, in the face of the global crisis which has been aggravated by the Russo-Ukrainian conflict. The amount of financing is UA 4,000,000 over a two-year period. It is a question of ensuring that this crisis does not have an impact that is out of control to the point of destabilizing the

efforts made by the Government in agriculture. Rather, it will contribute to efforts aimed at food security in a context of scarcity and rising prices of fertilizers and inputs.

-Institutional support for the strengthening of post-pandemic resilience and the participation of the Republic of Burundi in the ZLECAF, the African Continental Free Trade Area.

With an amount of UA 2,200,000, this is a project which aims to develop the private sector of the target countries, including Burundi, to improve the

volumes and income of regional trade. It is also an institutional capacity building project in the amount of \$3 million granted by the ADB's Transition Support Facility, to support the private sector in Burundi, support strategic public and private investments to improving access to regional markets and the competitiveness of PMEs.

The total amount of donations for these three projects financed by the ADB is approximately 30 million dollars, or approximately 62 billion Bu francs. (www.rtnb.bi)

The Minister of Transport pays a working visit to Melchior NDADAYE International Airport



On Tuesday August 09, 2022, the Minister of Trade and Industry, Transport and Tourism Mrs. Marie

Chantal NIJIMBERE paid a working visit to Melchior NDADAYE International Airport to inquire about the state of play of the circuit of passengers following rumors on the slowness made by the agents of the Airport Melchior NDADAYE to force corruptions with the passengers.

After the guided tour, the Minister in charge of transport then met with senior executives, executives, service managers and workers from all services working at Melchior NDADAYE International Airport.

In his welcome speech, the Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority of Burundi Ambassador. Joël NKURABAGAYA indicated that this visit comes at the right time since the Airport is in the process of carrying out reforms to meet the international standards required by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) of which it is a member. .

The DG of the Civil Aviation Authority of Burundi (AACB), Ambassador Joël NKURABAGAYA said that Melchior NDADAYE International Airport is experiencing challenges in welcoming passengers, including dilapidated buildings, lack of equipment, equipment and personnel.

The authorities of the Airport space complain that certain authorities transgress the laws not to frequent the public air terminal by asking for special dispensations to accompany or welcome their own. The Minister in charge of Transport Mrs. Marie Chantal NIJIMBERE reminded that Melchior NDADAYE International Airport is the gateway by air for investors, tourists and other passengers from where this airport space reflects the image of the country. The reception of passengers requires the involvement of staff and the observation of laws and regulations governing this space, said Mrs. Marie Chantal NIJIMBERE.

She challenged the staff of the airport area to make more efforts because it is a special area which must meet international standards in order to achieve performance in their services.

According to the Minister Marie Chantal NIJIMBERE, the observation is that the airport space is cramped, the aeronautical authorities must manage this space rationally while developing it so that the services offered are fast while waiting for the extension under the project.

The Minister said she was satisfied that the managers of the airport space are sparing no effort to maximize and manage the existing infrastructures, especially in recent days which have recorded a large flow of passengers, an opportunity to rejoice in the high traffic at the Airport. , a sign that the country's image continues to improve.

She called on all those who frequent the airport space to respect the laws of civil aviation and the

rules that guide the operation of this space, whether it be passengers and other people who request services at this place.

Regarding the information circulating on social networks tainting the Airport staff, the Minister advises Burundians to verify the veracity of this information because some of it may be disseminated to tarnish the image of the country.

The Minister in charge of transport is delighted that the Civil Aviation Authority of Burundi has equipped

itself with a control mechanism by surveillance cameras throughout the passenger's journey in order to prove suspicious actions to finally deny false information and blackmail against staff.

Regarding the lamentations over the threads of understanding for the screening of Covid19, Minister Marie Chantal NIJIMBERE welcomes the revision of certain relief measures to facilitate passengers entering and leaving the country by the national committee in charge of response to Covid19. (www.rtnb.bi)

INADES Formation is carrying out a study on the management and use of chemicals



The INADES formation Burundi in collaboration with the Ministry in

charge of agriculture and livestock, organized on tuesday august 9, 2022, a workshop for the restitution and validation of the study on the management and use of chemicals of synthesis in Burundi and exchanges on the alternatives.

The Director of INADES training Burundi Mr. Joseph NIGEZE said that the objective of the study is to contribute to an analysis of the pesticides used by farmers, their impact on human health and the environment as well as the methods crop protection.

According to the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry in charge of Agriculture and Livestock Mr. Emmanuel NDORIMANA who opened the work of this workshop, good management and use of pesticides is necessary

especially at this time when the Government of Burundi is more committed to reducing losses to maximize production.

However, he clarified that the country continues to record yield losses due to crop plant diseases and pests estimated at 30% despite the use of pest control products to deal with these pests in order to increase agricultural production in to feed the rapidly growing population.

According to the Director of INADES training, the study is part of the program to promote food systems based on family farming and agro ecology. He underlined that this program aims at the healthy, sufficient and sustainable food of the populations and the protection of the environment.

He encouraged agricultural producers to produce more and without destroying.

During the presentations, it was noted that the marketing of pesticides alongside food products and even sometimes without labels is among the problems that haunt the health of the population. (www.rtnb.bi)

Gitega: Celebration of the International Day of Indigenous Peoples



On tuesday august 09, 2022, Burundi joined the world in celebrating the International Day dedicated to Indigenous

Peoples, Edition 2022. The day was celebrated under the theme: "The role of indigenous women in the preservation and transmission of knowledge traditional".

The ceremonies took place at the Ingoma stadium in Gitega. They were upraised by the Vice-President of the Republic, His Excellency Prosper BAZOMBANZA in the company of the Minister in charge of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, Human Rights and Gender, Mrs. Imelde SABUSHIMIKE.

At the time of the various speeches for the occasion, the Representative of the Indigenous Peoples of Burundi thanked the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE because his Gov-

ernment deals with the issues of the indigenous Burundians by establishing programs aimed at the development of the indigenous Burundians.

He again thanked the President of the Republic, he who appointed a Minister of the Indigenous Community in his Government, the others in the various decision-making institutions as well as in the National Commissions which fight for the Rights of the Human Person. The Representative of the indigenous Burundians indicated that the latter live in unfavorable conditions. He asked the Government to allocate them cultivable land, adequate dwelling houses, to ensure free education for indigenous children up to university level, etc.

As for the Minister of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, Human Rights and Gender, Mrs. Imelde SABUSHIMIKE, she indicated that the International Day of Indigenous Peoples was adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations in date of december 23, 1994. She also indicated that the celebration of the International Day of Indigenous

Peoples is an opportunity for them to experience the joy of expressing themselves freely after many years spent in darkness, oppression, exclusion, marginalization, etc.

In his speech for the occasion, on behalf of the President of the Republic, the Vice-President of the Republic, His Excellency Prosper BAZOMBANZA first wished a happy birthday to the Indigenous Burundians. He indicated that the Burundian Government will make no effort to improve the living conditions of the Burundian indigenous peoples. Nevertheless, he asked the indigenous Burundians to change their mentality and join other Burundians in development work by integrating into cooperatives. To conclude his speech, the Vice-President of the Republic announced that indigenous students who succeed in the national 9th year competition will automatically be admitted to boarding schools. The Government has taken the decision to allocate vacant plots of land located in villages of peace to the natives. (www.rtnb.bi)

Public transport: the company Van Transport officially launches its activities



The Minister of Commerce, Transport, Industry and Tourism Mrs. Marie Chantal NIJIMBERE and the Mayor of the city of Bujumbura Jimmy HATUNGIMANA officially launched on monday august 08, 2022, the public transport activity of the buses of the company Van Transport to downtown of the economic capital.

Minister Marie Chantal NIJIMBERE welcomed the efforts of businessmen to support the Government. She also thanked the investors for their contribution in improving travel in Bujumbura Town Hall.

For Minister Marie Chantal NIJIMBERE, the project of the company Van Transport comes at the right

time. It fills the gap that is noticeable in the public transport sector in Bujumbura Town Hall. She took this opportunity to call on other investors to get involved in improving the public transport sector. There is still a long way to go, said Mrs. Marie Chantal NIJIMBERE.

As for the Mayor of the city Mr Jimmy HATUNGIMANA, while waiting for the 20 buses which will be added to the 30 buses in circulation of the company Van Transport, the population of the Town Hall of Bujumbura is invited to take care of these public transport tools.

The Managing Director of the company Van Transport Alain Franck Pacini, meanwhile, asked the Government to support them by supplying him with fuel, despite the lack of petroleum products. He also wished to have a private parking lot from the Van transport company.

The company Van Transport plans to bring 100 buses of 30 people for public transport. In the days to come, he intends to begin the digitization of this sector for this 1st company which comes to innovate the public transport sector. (www.rtnb.bi)

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