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Light of Peace, Pathfinder of Development

On the occasion of the 15th edition of the light of peace, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye proceeded very early on Wednesday November 17, 2021 to the inauguration of the pediatric building of the Kibuye hospital, in Bukirasazi commune in Gitega province where



Burundian doctors and American specialists work together to save human lives.

The building includes Neonatology, General Pediatrics and the Therapeutic Stabilization Service (SST), and has a capacity of more than 200 children. Under Methodist convention, the Kibuye hospital was the work of the Christian Doctor of Indian origin Mr. Donald David Cheesman, who settled in this locality since 1977. Burundian doctors and American specialists operate well in the Pediatric Services, Surgery, Gyneco-Obstetrics, Internal Medicine and Oph-

thalmology.

The Town of Gitega, for its part, is evolving like a Political Capital, as evidenced by the new infrastructures that have marked the President of the Republic, who continues to encourage young entrepreneurs in their initiatives. So he decided to inaugurate the Gitega Capital Oil Station belonging to Mr. Apollinaire Hakizi-

mana, whose buildings shelter a reception room, a swimming pool, a bar restaurant, and a hotel under construction, and Isango Hotel of Mr. Majambere Claudioire, built in the Bwoga district, on two levels and 15 rooms. With the aim of giving the political capital of Gitega its due regard, the Head of State officially laid the foundation stone for the presidential office within the walls of Gitega Palace. It will have the same model as the office in Bujumbura. (www.presidence.gov.bi)

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Gitega: Launch of construction of the presidential office



As part of the 15th edition of the Light of Peace, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE proceeded on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 to the inauguration of various infrastructures in the province of Gitega. He also officially launched the construction of a presidential office in Gitega.

As part of the Light of Peace, the President of the Re-

public in the company of members of the government went to the town of Bukirasazi where he inaugurated the pediatric building of the Kibuye hospital built by the Free Methodist Church. He then made a guided tour of the various Pediatric Departments. For acknowledgement, the Kibuye Hospital offered a heifer to the President of the Republic on the sidelines of the inauguration of the Pediatric Building of this Hospital.

Also within the framework of the 15th edition of the Light of Peace, the President of the Republic continued the inauguration of various infrastructures in the town of Gitega, including private infrastructures for commercial use such as hotels.

To close the activities of the inaugurations, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye in the company of the Minister of Infrastructures, Equipment and Social Housing proceeded to the official launch of the construction works of the Presidential Office in the precincts of the palace of Gitega

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Launch of the week dedicated to combatants

The CNDD-FDD Party officially launched on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, the activities of the week dedicated to combatants at the national office of the CNDD-FDD party. This ceremony saw the presence of the Secretary General of the CNDD-FDD Party, the Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi, the President of the Senate, the President of the National Assembly, the Burundian Ombudsman as well as other members and executives of the government.

The theme for this year is "wise, let's support responsible and hard-working government by joining cooperatives to have a surplus of production, so that every mouth has food and every pocket has money."

Speaking, the secretary general of the CNDD-FDD party Honorable Révérien Ndikuriyo indicated that they went to war so that the Burundians have freedom and live in peace and security. For the rulers, Honorable Révérien



NDIKURIYO calls on them to always be with the ruled. And always keep in mind that the foundation of everything is the safeguard of peace and security, continued the secretary general of the CNDD-FDD party.

The secretary general of the CNDD-FDD party said that the date of November 16 is an unforgettable date

within the CNDD-FDD party and even for the Burundians, the day of signing an agreement to cease fire between the combatants and the government that was in place in 2003.

The week dedicated to combatants will last 5 days from November 16 to 20 and saw the participation of representatives of the African Union, some countries such as Tanzania, South Africa, Kenya and Mali, representatives of political parties including the UPRONA party, FRODEBU, FNL as well as representatives of civil society.

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Closing of the week dedicated to the heroes of the struggle for peace and democracy



The week dedicated to the heroes of the struggle for peace and democracy ended on Saturday, November 20, 2021 in Bugendana in the province of Gitega. The ceremonies were enhanced by the presence of the Head of State and President of the Council of Elders of the CNDD-FDD party, HE Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, surrounded by the Vice-President of the Republic, the Presidents of the two chambers of parliament, the Burundian Ombudsman, the President of the Supreme Court and other senior

On his arrival at the place of the ceremonies, the Head of State and President of the Council of Elders at the CNDD-FDD first visited the huts which symbolize the shelters where the combatants lived in the maquis, before following a parade carried out by "Ibiswi vy'inkona" (children of militants) and young Imbonerakure as well as the exhibition of the drummers of Gishora in the province of Gitega.

In his speech for the occasion, the Secretary General of the CDD-FDD, Honorable Révérien Ndikuriyo, stressed that the country has been liberated by the sacrifice of its children, an act of bravery which must be hailed by all Burundians. And to add that this day is an opportunity to pay tribute to the fighters who disappeared on the battlefield.

Honorable Révérien NDIKURIYO took this opportunity to announce that young Burundians must reconnect with patriotic service to make their contribution to the development of the country.

He said at the same time that his party will spare no effort to lead the country on the path of development in order to guarantee its dignity.

Speaking, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE indicated that the struggle for peace and democracy was necessary to allow Burundians to live peacefully and enjoy their rights.

The President of the Republic congratulated all those who sacrificed themselves to liberate the country and let it be known that the fight that remains to be waged concerns the transformation of the country to lift it out of poverty. For the Head of State, the enemies of the country that must be fought for the moment are those who practice injustice and who upset their fellow citizens.

The Head of State asks the Burundians to safeguard peace and security each in his locality. He also has this opportunity to call on young people to develop love for their country and to identify themselves as Burundians and not as Hutu, Tutsi or Twa.

The closing ceremonies of the week dedicated to the heroes of the struggle for peace and democracy ended with the sharing of the types of meals that the fighters ate in the bush.

It should be noted that the ambassador of Rwanda, that of Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda and Gabon had taken part alongside the Head of State, in the ceremonies of tribute to the heroes of the fight for peace and democracy. (www.presidence.gov.bi)

Burundi and the USA are more than determined to work together to strengthen their ties of cooperation



The President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE received in audience this Tuesday at the Gitega Palace the Ambassador of the United States of America to Burundi, Mrs. Mélanie Harris Higgins. Their exchanges focused on strengthening the ties of friendship and cooperation that already exist. They explored together the various development projects in Burundi, in which the Americans are investing to contribute to the efforts of the government in many sectors namely, agriculture, health, mining,...

«We note your role as ambassador because American citizens have arrived in Burundi to invest in different sectors, a sign that the USA is now committed to supporting us in the process of socio-economic development of our country," said President Evariste.NDAYISHIMIYE.

"Recently removed from the list of countries on the Security Council's agenda, Burundi should deserve the support of the international community for its stability and development," insisted the Burundian President while requesting the support of this great economic power and other partners in favor of a country in a post-conflict period.

The Burundian Number One noted the Government's efforts already made in various sectors, including good governance, agro-breeding, administration, reconciliation, respect for human rights, food security,

fight against malnutrition, and rightly appreciate the step already taken despite so many challenges. He nevertheless mentioned the security problem, disrupted in eastern DRC by armed or terrorist groups reported not only in the east but also across Africa.

"We are making so many sacrifices to remedy it, but our means are very limited," President Ndayishimiye said. He also raised the challenges facing the country, such as the lack of infrastructure, roads, electricity, etc.

"Burundi has opportunities to develop but it lacks capital", concluded the President of the Republic, acknowledging however encouraging actions on the part of the partners.

For his part, Ambassador Higgins has shown that the United States participates in development through NGOs, business, the Kibuye hospital and diplomacy. He shared with the Head of State his commitment to always work for the development of ties of friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

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The First Lady urges the Batwa people to end begging



As she proceeded, this on Monday, November 15, 2021, to the handing over of the houses built by the Good Action Umugiraneza Foundation in favor of 10 Batwa households living on Kibimba Hill in Giheta Commune in Gitega Province, Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye, First Lady of Burundi and President of this Foundation, urged the Batwa community to abandon the old and bad habits of begging in order to work for their development.

"Nowadays, no one makes a living from pottery. You must use your strength to practice agriculture and livestock and give up the old habit of begging", launched the First Lady to the place not only of the beneficiaries of these houses but also of all the Batwa living in this locality..

Given that the vision of the Foundation Bonne Action

Umugiraneza is to support the most needy to walk together towards the sustainable development of the country, Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye also called on the Batwa people to promote hygiene by building places of their own. 'Decent fluency: "You have to roll up your sleeves because your development will depend on the efforts you would have provided. I also urge you to provide appropriate toilets to prevent diseases of dirty hands," insisted the First Lady.

The Bonne Action Umugiraneza Foundation "also provided assistance with food, wheelchairs and prostheses to the Center for Handicapped Persons of Kiganda in Muramvya Province.

The First Lady indicated that the gesture taken is in order to support the managers of this center for this laudable initiative to come to the aid of people living with disabilities.

In addition, her trip to this center which takes care of 252 children was carried out in order to allow these children to celebrate Christmas with joy, she added.

You will know that the Foundation "Bonne Action Umugiraneza" has recently started a campaign to support orphanages and centers that take care of vulnerable people in the hope of bringing joy to the poor at this end of year period.

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"The initiatives of the First Lady of Burundi are in line with the 5 key objectives of the ADB"

The First Lady of the Republic of Burundi, Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye received in audience, this Friday, November 19, the Director General of the African Development Bank (ADB) for the Eastern Region, Mrs. Nnenna NWABUFO.

During this meeting, they discussed the activities carried out by the First Lady of Burundi through the section of the Organization of African First Ladies for Development that she heads (OPDAD-Burundi) and the Foundation Bonne-Action Umugi-



raneza of which she is President.

"Among other achievements in progress, we are building a specialized Polyclinic for infertility in order to help families who have not yet had the chance to procreate," said HE Angeline Ndayishimiye adding that the Foundation Bonne Action Umugiraneza will need support for substantial equipment.

The Managing Director of the AfDB, who supervises the pro-

jects of this bank in 13 countries of East Africa, praised the leadership of the First Lady in the fight against malnutrition and greatly appreciated her efforts in favor of the vulnerable women and children.

"The ADB is interested in your various initiatives as they fall within our 5 key objectives aimed at improving the living conditions of the population," she revealed.

Ms. Nnenna NWABUFO continued by stressing that her visit was precisely for the purpose of discussing how to provide ADB support to the activities carried

out by HE Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE.

"I encourage all Burundian citizens to support its initiatives because it will allow the government to reduce the rate of malnutrition in particular and improve the situation of families in general", launched the Director NWABUFO who had, among other things, provided herself with "an envelope of 100 thousand dollars that she gave to HE the First Lady of Burundi in support of the various actions she is leading.

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United States of America ends Sanctions against Burundi



of the International Law of Emergency on economic powers will no longer be in effect.

In a Press release made public on november 19, 2021, the State of Burundi indicates that this measure is a recognition of the very significant

On thursday, november 18, 2021 in the White House, the President of the United States of America, His Excellency JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR. declared the end of sanctions against Burundi.

Indeed, after noting that the situation which gave rise to the declaration of a national state of emergency in Executive Order 13712 of 22 november 2015, with regard to Burundi, was considerably modified and decreased, His Excellency JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR declared the end of sanctions against Burundi. This decision was taken because, in particular, the President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE has made a considerable commitment to the pursuit of reforms in several sectors.

For this purpose, the President of the United States of America further ordered that the suspension of the entry of foreigners subject to travel bans taken by the United Nations Security Council and to the sanctions

advances in reforms, in the areas of democracy, human rights, good governance, economic development and international cooperation, undertaken by the responsible and hard-working Government (Reta Mvyeyi -Reta Nkozi), under the aegis of His Excellency Major General Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, President of the Republic of Burundi.

The State of Burundi welcomes the normalization of diplomatic relations between Burundi and the United States of America. And furthermore, reiterates its commitment to continue consolidating bilateral and multi-lateral cooperation in its dynamic of mutual respect between States and the various partners through mutually beneficial and advantageous relations, collaboration and cooperation. (MFADC)

FOMI Organo-Mineral Fertilizers meet the standards



The Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock Dr Déo Guide Rurema in the company of the deputies elected in the constituency of Bubanza, the provincial authorities and the executives of the Ministry paid on day, November 15, 2021, a visit of supervision to Fertilisants Organo-Minéraux Industries (FOMI) to inquire about the availability of fertilizers at a time when the population of Bubanza Province laments the lack of organo-mineral fertilizers from FOMI.

This visit comes in the wake of rumors that these fertilizers are made from sand and leftover rice. It also allowed the delegation to see the process of manufacturing organo-mineral fertilizers. This delegation led by the Minister having Agriculture in his attributions visited the organic part which receives and treats the organic manure, then the organo-mineral part where the whole process of manufacturing organo-mineral fertilizers takes place from formulation to formulation. Packaging as well as the other part of the crushing plant where the entire agricultural lime manufacturing process takes place.

The observation is that there is no way to confuse the material used in the manufacture of fertilizers because the FOMI plant was set up after joint work by researchers from the Ministry in charge of agriculture, Institute of Agronomic Sciences of Burundi (ISABU), the University of Burundi and the FOMI. Each time, the

latter organizes second opinions in international laboratories.

Compared to other rumors that there is a stock-out of the organo-mineral fertilizers of FOMI Totahaza type used after weeding to give the plants vigor, it was found that the inputs destined for the province of Bubanza are available but that the problem of lack of fuel would have hampered the transport of these fertilizers to Bubanza

The Minister of Dr Déo Guide Rurema ordered that these fertilizers in storage be distributed on Saturday, November 20, 2021, so that they are used in the rice fields in order not to register a delay which could have a negative impact on the production.

The Minister in charge of agriculture Dr Déo Guide Rurema also asked the Burundian population not to confuse the lack and insufficiency of organo-mineral fertilizers. He said that the call of the President of the Republic to invest in agriculture was massively followed by the population, causing demand far greater than the forecasts of the FOMI plant. The Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock said he had initiated discussions with the FOMI authorities to plan accordingly in response to demand which is currently greater than supply. He advises the executives of the Ministry to stay with the farmers for a close supervision in order to break the rumors.

The Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock Dr Déo Guide Rurema also visited a 30ha rice field on Nyamabere hill in Mpanda de la Bubanza commune, belonging to the Tugwanyane Ubusuma cooperative which uses FOMI fertilizers. He urged the population to consult Ministry officials whenever they encounter difficulties in order to produce not for self-sufficiency but rather for a surplus intended for regional and international export. (www.rtnb.bi)

Interior Ministry spokesperson presents 19 people extradited by Rwanda



Tuesday, November 16, 2021 to the press, 19 fight-

The spokesperson for the Ministry of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security OPP1 Pierre Nkurikiye, presented

ers handed over by the Rwandan authorities to the Burundian authorities on July 30, 2021. He indicated that the investigations are completed that they will be sent to justice to answer for their acts.

The spokesperson for the Ministry of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security also presented a 19-year-old from the Province of Mwaro who is said to be involved in the recent attacks perpetrated in Burundi. (www.rtnb.bi)

The Ministry in charge of National Solidarity runs for the aid of the Batwa

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry in charge of National Solidarity Mr. Félix Ngendabanyikwa on Monday, November 15, 2021 granted sheets to 50 households of the Batwa community in the Ruce

Zone of the Bubanza commune and province. Each household received 18 sheets.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry in charge of national solidarity said that this donation is intended to support the vulnerable in the Batwa community so that they have decent shelter and can actively participate in development work.

Mr. Félix Ngendabanyikwa called on the administration and the population to follow the work of covering



these houses so that the remaining sheets could be used by other families in the locality. He urged them to use these sheets as good fathers and not to sell them.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry in charge of national solidarity also praised the collaboration at the com-

munity level which pushed the students and the administration to come together for the construction of these houses up to the level of the framework.

It should be noted that Mr. Félix Ngendabanyikwa, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry in charge of national solidarity also granted sheets to 19 households in the Bubanza commune. Each household also received 18 sheets. (www.rtnb.bi)

Precipitation will stabilize throughout the national territory according to forecasts

The Geographical Institute of Burundi (IGEBU) announces that the drought observed in recent days at the national level will pass and that the situation will return to normal. The Director General of IGEBU, Mr. Augustin Ngenzirabona made this clear in a statement released on Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

According to the Director General of IGEBU, the data which is provided by the meteorological facilities and weather forecasts at the regional center in Nairobi, it is evident that this drought will pass and the situation



will return to normal.

Mr. Augustin Ngenzirabona specified that precipitation will stabilize throughout the national territory. Nevertheless, the Director of IGEBU qualifies: there will be low rainfall but that will not prevent the crops from ripening.

Finally, the Director General of IGEBU asks users of meteorological information, especially farmers and herders, to use this information to plan their daily activities (www.rtnb.bi)

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