



Restoring the people's confidence in justice: A challenge to be solved by Burundian magistrates



The President of the Republic, who says He is satisfied with the stability of the country from a security point of view, called instead for vigilance to adopt strategies aimed at preventing any kind of insecurity.

During a meeting to assess the security situation held on Wednesday in Mutimbuzi Commune in the Province of Bujumbura, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye urged the magistrates to put the package in to restore the confidence of the population in Burundian justice.

“Do your best, pass judgments quickly and check their execution. You must ensure your responsibilities to bring the people to have confidence again in the judicial authorities”, launched the Head of State after having praised the work of the quadrilogy (Administration, Police, Army and Justice) in relation to the maintenance of peace and security, especially during the holiday season.

“Now that the country is stable, it is up to us to do everything we can to promote good governance, increase the Gross domestic product (GDP), ensure good management of public affairs and fight corruption”.

The Burundi Number One also asked to provide sufficient means of communication to the local police to enable them to do their job effectively. In addition, the Governors of provinces were called upon to hold regular public meetings in order to give citizens the opportunity to present their grievances from which action plans will be established, said the Head of State. In terms of miscellaneous, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye recalled that the fight against COVID-19 is always

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in order with the objective of achieving zero contamination.

The Head of State protests against the consumption of prohibited drinks, which he considers to be economic sabotage. He therefore recommended that the consu-

mers and sellers of these products be arrested and tried as criminals.

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Exchange of New Year's greetings between the Presidential Couple and the Diplomats



A ceremony of exchange of New Year's greetings took place on Friday, January 28, 2022 between the Presidential Couple and the heads of Diplomatic and Consular Missions as well as the Representatives of International Organizations in Burundi.

On behalf of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps accredited to Burundi, the Ambassador of South Africa representing the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps who was unable to attend sent his new wishes to the presidential couple and to all the people of Burundi.

Taking the floor, the Head of State HE Evariste Ndayishimiye wished them a happy new year 2022, may it be a year of success and prosperity, to themselves, to their families, to the nations and international organizations that they represent.

After wishing a happy new year 2022 to the Diplomatic and Consular Corps, the Head of State spoke to them about the priorities of the Burundian government, in particular the increase in production through the develop-

ment of the agricultural sector. The year 2022 has been dedicated to agriculture to increase production, so that the people have to eat but also to sell and export, said President Evariste Ndayishimiye.

He added that he expects these partners to accompany and support this priority of the government in order to increase agricultural production, face climate change, fight and definitively overcome hunger.

The other priorities of the Government according to the Head of State addressing the diplomats, are the development of the tourism sector so that it contributes to boosting the economy of the country.

The Government is also concerned about good governance in the area of public administration, justice, human rights, the fight against impunity, corruption and the embezzlement of public funds. According to the President of the Republic, the Government will spare no effort to eradicate these scourges.

With regard to international relations, the President indicated that we must continue to strengthen the relations of friendship and cooperation with all partners. We are registering new friends with whom we are concluding collaboration agreements in various areas of common interest, continued the Head of State.

The President of the Republic, HE Evariste Ndayishimiye welcomes the recent decision taken by the President of the United States Joe Biden to lift the state of emergency concerning the situation in Burundi and the end of the sanctions targeted against certain high personalities of Burundi.

The Head of State, HE Evariste Ndayishimiye invites the few rare partners who have not yet lifted the sanctions or who are about to do so to take ac-

tion because, he said, nothing justify the maintenance of sanctions against the Burundian people, if only to discourage them on their way to development and put a

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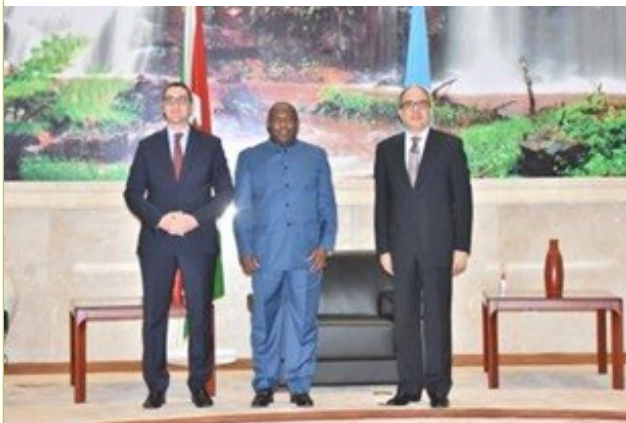
The President of the Republic HE Evariste Ndayishimiye received in audience on Tuesday, January 25,



2022, respectively the delegation of the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM), the Ambassador of England, the Ambassador of Egypt as well as the German Ambassador.

Head of State Evariste Ndayishimiye first received in audience a delegation from the African Peer Review Mechanism, an organ of the African Union which promotes good governance in Africa. This delegation was sent by the Present South African HE Cyril Ramaphosa President in office of this mechanism and led by the Director General Mr. Édouard Maloka.

The objective of this visit was to deliver a letter of invitation to the Head of State HE Evariste Ndayishimiye so that Burundi adheres to this mechanism. In turn, the Head of State received this invitation and shared with this delegation the good practices that



Burundi can share with African countries.

The Head of State then received in audience the British Ambassador to Burundi Omar DAAIR. They discussed the strengthening of existing bilateral cooperation. Among the exchanges are cooperation in the safeguarding and protection of the environment, the multiplication of villages of peace, etc. As for the Head of State HE Evariste Ndayishimiye, he asked the Ambassador of England to contribute in the promotion of foreign investments while explaining that security reigns throughout the national territory and that significant progress in agriculture and breeding can be observed throughout the country.

The Head of State HE Evariste Ndayishimiye later welcomed in audience the Ambassador of Egypt to Burundi. They discussed the strengthening of bilateral coope-



ration between these two countries. After having assessed together the step already taken in terms of the implementation of various agreements signed between Burundi and Egypt, these two high personalities agreed to meet most often to assess the state of play, especially in the sectors of health, agriculture, electricity, good governance etc.

The Egyptian Ambassador to Burundi then extended the invitation of the Egyptian Head of State to his Burundian counterpart to take part in the summit of Heads of State organized by the Egyptian President next November.

After the audience with the Ambassador of Egypt, it was the turn of the German Ambassador to Burundi Dietir REINL. They discussed the strengthening of bilateral

cooperation and as a member country of the European Union. They also discussed Germany's contribution to promoting investment in agriculture and livestock farming in Burundi, after the round table organized by the Head of State with international partners.

However, President Evariste Ndayishimiye reminded the German Ambassador of the history of Burundi before colonization, especially in 1903 when Burundi was under German tutelage. (www.rtnb.bi)

Mutimbuzi: the Head of State leads a security meeting



The Head of State, HE Evariste Ndayishimiye led a meeting to assess the security situation in the capital of Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura Province, with representatives of the defense and security corps, the administration, and of justice throughout the country. He praised the Joint Security Committees for working well over the Christmas and New Year holidays. The President of the Republic, HE Evariste Ndayishimiye recommended to the quadriparty to

redouble its efforts to prevent terrorist groups from settling in the country. (www.rtnb.bi)



Gitega: The First Lady calls on young people to lead a life free from sin



On the third and last day of the prayer of thanksgiving organized in Gitega by the CNDD-FDD party, the First Lady of Burundi HE Angéline Ndayishimiye led a seminar for young people on the theme: "With God, future is certain". She called on the young people to entrust themselves to God and to prepare their future in prayer.

Addressing the young people who were present in this seminar, the First Lady announced that life with-

out God is a life without purpose. According to the First Lady, young people should learn to dialogue with God in prayer. In this way, "God will give you revelations that unenlightened eyes cannot see," said HE Angeline Ndayishimiye.

She recalled at the same time that the path of life is strewn with pitfalls but that God always delivers his children. In this regard, the First Lady hinted that God answers those who pray and allows himself to be found by those who seek him with all their heart. Opportunity for the First Lady to ask these young people to pray unceasingly to seek the will of God.

HE Angeline Ndayishimiye also urged young people to avoid sexual vagrancy and hypocrisy and sanctify themselves to prepare for a happy ending.

The First Lady also recalled that God has promised to bless the works of their hands. She asked them to banish laziness and to integrate cooperatives. "That's where God will bless you," she said.

After listing a whole series of promises that God made to his children, the First Lady encouraged young people to always hope for the bright future, provided they lead a life free from sin. (www.rtnb.bi)

La Première Dame lance officiellement la plateforme des compétences des Femmes Burundaises



The First Lady and President of the Office of the First Lady for Development in Burundi, Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye preceded this January 25, 2022, the launch of the women's skills platform in Burundi, www.umurundikazi.gov.bi.

This project, which is piloted by the Ministry of National Solidarity of Social Affairs, Human Rights and Gender with the support of the UNDP, will facilitate all those who will need professional women in different fields, to find them on this platform.

The Minister of National Solidarity of Social Affairs, Human Rights and Gender Honorable Imelde Sabushimike indicated that through this platform of women's skills, decision-makers will be able to know and easily identify the profiles sought. In her speech for the occasion, Her Excellency the First Lady of Burundi and President of OPDD-Burundi, welcomed this initiative which aims to promote the skills of Burundian women and girls. She then called on all Burundian women and girls living in Burundi and abroad to regis-

ter on this platform www.umurundikazi.gov.bi in order to make their professional skills and talents known.

The First Lady Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye also asked businessmen and business leaders to always visit this platform to find the profile of the people they need in their businesses. It should be noted that this platform www.umurundikazi.gov.bi will promote the skills and values of women and girls, espe-

cially since they are sometimes marginalized in certain areas of socio-professional life, as indicated by the UNDP representative in this activity.

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The First Lady of Burundi officially launches the Mother and Child Health Week (SSME)

The First Lady and President of the Office of the First Lady for Development in Burundi (OPDD-Burundi), proceeded in the province of Rumonge to the official launch of the vaccination campaign against measles and rubella, coupled with Health Week Mother Child (SSME) of January 2022. Under the theme: "Together, let's work to improve the health of mothers and children".

In her speech, the First Lady and President of OPDD-Burundi urged the population to respond massively to this vaccination campaign against measles and rubella, coupled with the SSME scheduled for January 25 to 29, 2022 throughout the country.

The First Lady Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye recalled that Burundi spares no effort to promote the health of the population in general and the health of pregnant women and children under 5 in particular.

The First Lady Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye invited the provinces which have a low vaccination coverage rate to draw examples from the provinces which have shown performance by recording a satisfactory vaccination coverage rate.

The First Lady and President of OPDD Burundi urged local administrators, representatives of religious denominations, media professionals, community health workers to work in synergy for the success of this vaccination activity against measles and rubella, coupled with the mother-child health week.

During this vaccination campaign against measles



and rubella coupled with the SSME, the Minister having public health in her attributions Dr Sylvie Nzeyimana recalled that there will be the administration of the vaccine against measles and rubella at 1 991,904 children aged 9 months to 59 months; VitA to 2,018,218 children 6-59 months; albendazole deworming for 5,142,999 children aged 1 to 14, albendazole deworming for 314,364 pregnant women (2nd and 3rd trimester of pregnancy), praziquantel deworming for 1,640,051 children aged 5 to 14 of 22 districts endemic to bilharziasis.

Minister Dr Sylvie Nzeyimana announced that there will also be sensitization of parents, guardians and babysitters of children aged 6 to 59 months on good food practices using cooking demonstrations and sensitization of the population on the prevention of the Covid19 pandemic

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Audience granted to the Co-founder of SAHANIK RESSOURCES NEVADA CORPORATION



On January 21, 2022, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO received in audience the Co-founder of the company SAHANIK RESSOURCES NEVADA CORPORATION Mr. Sahani Nkhoma from Zambia. In fact, Mr. Sahani Nkhoma indicated that the com-

pany SAHANIK RESSOURCES NEVADA CORPORATION wishes to invest in the extraction and processing of nickel from Musongati to contribute to the economic development of Burundi.

The Permanent Secretary welcomed this project. He declared that Burundi abounds in a significant amount of nickel. He said that the Government of Burundi has opened the doors for all investors who wish, but by proceeding through win-win agreements. For this, he indicated that Burundi now favors investors who agree to extract the mines and process them in Burundi in order to export the final products.

Mr. Ferdinand BASHIKAKO asked him to go to contact the Ministry of Hydraulics, Energy and Mines in Burundi to present this project.

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The Ministry in charge of Finance presents the results of the achievements of the first half of 2021-2022



The Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning presented on Monday, January 24, 2022, the report on the achievements of the first half of the 2021-2022 financial

year. Major achievements include the mobilization of domestic and external financial resources

Regarding the mobilization of domestic revenue, Minister Domitien Ndiwokubwayo indicated that on a forecast of more than 580 billion, the OBR services were able to recover 642.34 billion, i.e. an achievement rate of 109%.

As part of the mobilization of external resources, the Government conducted negotiations which resulted in the signing of financing agreements for 20 million units of account with the ADB, 80 million dollars with the World Bank and 17670000 € with the European Union.

The Minister also indicated that there was a rapid credit facility in favor of Burundi for an amount of 76.2 million dollars, and an allocation of special drawing rights of an envelope of nearly 211.5 million dollars with the IMF to improve the level of foreign exchange reserves and provide more flexibility in the management of the country's economic policies.

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Agreement Signature between Burundi and the World Bank



One hundred and fifty million US dollars (150 million) is the amount of a donation from the World Bank to Burundi to finance the Cash for Jobs Project, the second phase of the Merankabandi social safety net support project.

The grant agreement was signed on Monday, January 24, 2022 by the Minister in charge of Finance Dr. Domitien Ndiokubwayo and the Resident Representative of the World Bank in Burundi Véronique Kabongo.

The implementation of this 2nd phase Merankabandi Social Safety Nets Support Project (cash for jobs) will allow the extension of social safety nets systems nationwide to extremely vulnerable households. There will be productive activities that will allow access to employment, the development of social protection benefits as well as the integration of refugees and host communities into national social protection systems

According to the resident representative of the World Bank in Burundi, this new Cash for jobs project, which has just received funding of 150 million dollars, will cover the 18 provinces of the country. This project will target 145,000 households, or about one million poorer and more vulnerable Burundians.

The Minister in charge of Finance Dr. Domitien Ndiokubwayo took this opportunity to express his gratitude to the World Bank for the commitment to support Burundi in its development policy through the completion of this Project.

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The Ministry of ICT presents the half-yearly report on achievements 2021-2022

The Minister of Technologies, Telecommunications, Information, Communication and Media, Mrs. Léocadie Ndacayisaba, presented on Monday, January 24, 2022, the report on the major achievements of her Ministry for the first half of the 2021-2022 financial year.

Among the achievements according to the Minister, at the level of the central administration, the implementation of the PAA 2021-2022, the coordination of the departments under supervision as well as at the level of the initiatives, 7



reports have been produced and transmitted to the hierarchy.

Meetings were organized for the staff of the central administration and the directors general of the departments under supervision. To establish good governance, at the level of the central administration, the General Inspectorate of the Ministry has multiplied inspection actions of the activities carried out and several inspection reports have been produced

and transmitted to whom it may concern. Minister Léocadie Ndacayisaba said that a commission is at work to develop a strategy to fight against fraud and

corruption within the ministry.

In the field of Communication and the media, the law governing the press has been a concern of the ministry and consultations between partners in the sector have taken place to propose changes to be made to the press law because the law governing the press today is proving to be incomplete given the changes that this area is constantly undergoing, recalled the minister.

On this subject, the experts are in the process of producing a draft bill which will be submitted to the sector partners before being sent to the hierarchical level for analysis and adoption. This bill will have to integrate the advertising sector.

With regard to the work carried out by the media, the mobilization of the population for the implementation of the National Development Plan was also a concern of the media, both public and private. Thus, several programs, programs in synergy, reports and press articles were produced in various fields. With this in mind, the program of the President of the Republic aimed at increasing production has been supported.

Other topics that have attracted the attention of the media include tax compliance, the fight against fraud, the fight against pandemics, in particular raising public awareness of the fight against covid-19, the promotion of hygiene, human rights etc.

During this first semester, a television broadcasting and multiplexing agreement was drawn up and presented to the Council of Ministers and guidelines were given to make the STNB operational and thus allow television to migrate to digital.

The Information and Communication Technologies sector is a sector that is experiencing very rapid development and very significant changes, which means that the ministry must closely monitor this sector so as not to be out of step with the world. This requires that certain texts be retouched so that it

adapts to the times and to the evolution of ICTs.

The Data Center of the Executive Secretariat for Information and Communication Technologies (SETIC) has been made operational and today, four ministry sites are hosted there.

A week dedicated to innovation in ICTs was organized in collaboration with the UNDP. Young people demonstrated their talents and prizes were awarded to the best talents by the Head of State during the closing of this week.

In the telecommunications sector, the National Office of Telecommunications ONATEL has been experiencing operational difficulties for several years and its revitalization is of concern to the Ministry. A note was adopted and a joint commission was set up to define a roadmap for the implementation of the content of the note and the recommendations made by the Council of Ministers.

In the postal sector, the Régie Nationale des Postes, through its offices located in all the municipalities, continued to facilitate civil servants to collect their salaries. These offices have also helped the population to pay the cost of fertilizers. More than 800 current accounts were also opened and loans granted to customers.

In conclusion, although the achievements are generally satisfactory according to Minister Léocadie Ndayisaba, challenges have not been lacking, the lack of means of travel for the media, the delay in the disbursement of funds from the Ministry of Finance, which handicaps the achievements of the missions assigned to the Ministry. In some departments, the lack of staff following retirement or for other reasons has also had an impact on the work. The plethora of staff in certain departments causing a high salary mass was also a handicap, underlined the Minister.

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Gitega: the CVR meets its partners to publicize its activities for the year 2022

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (CVR) organized on Wednesday January 26, 2022 in the capital of Gitega province, a meeting with its partners. Ambassador Pierre Claver Ndayicariye, President of the CVR announced that the objec-

tive of this meeting is to inform that the CVR will continue its activities to inquire about the mass graves and the exhumation of the remains of those killed in 1972 in the different provinces of the country including Ngozi, Kayanza, Cibitoke, Bubanza, Cankuzo, Ruyigi, Rutana and in some communes of Gitega and Karusi

during this year 2022.

For this year, the CVR will draw up the complete list of victims who have been swept away by the crises that have bereaved Burundi as well as the list of sponsors, that is to say the census of people murdered or disappeared during all the crises that Burundi known from 1885 until 2008, hammered Ambassador Pierre Claver Ndayicariye. He asked the administrators to sensitize the population so that it helps the CVR in this work.

It was also an opportunity for the CVR to screen a documentary film which relates the activities it carried out

during the last year 2021. The participants exchanged during the meeting on the themes including the commemoration of April 29, 1972, reparations, forgiveness and reconciliation.

The participants in the meeting with the partners of the CVR were the Governors of the provinces of the country, representatives of religious denominations, civil society, law enforcement and security forces, representatives of approved political parties in Burundi and medias .(www.rtnb.bi)

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