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Commemoration of the 59th anniversary of the assassination of the hero of Independence



Burundi celebrated on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, the 59th anniversary of the assassination of the Hero of national Independence, Prince Louis Rwagasore. Memorial ceremonies were held across the country.

In the town hall of Bujumbura, the ceremonies began with a mass in his memory at the parish of Saint Michel of Bujumbura and were enhanced by the presence of the Head of State His Excellency Mr. Evariste Ndayishimiye in the company of his spouse and other senior Authorities of the country. According to Monsignor Gervais Banshimiyubusa, Archbishop of Bujumbura, only courageous and free-spirited men can save the country, like Prince Louis Rwagasore, Hero of the Independence of Burundi.

In his homily, Monsignor Gervais Banshimiyubusa indicated that if we carefully observe the countries of the sub-region and the neighborhood, people share the same challenges. According to the Archbishop of Bujumbura, there

are no longer brave and free-spirited men capable of doing good, of speaking the truth and capable of taking responsibility for it, to avoid dramatic situations. Such people are very numerous, underlined Monsignor Gervais Banshimiyubusa.

Based on the gospel of Luke 11: 37-41, the Archbishop of Bujumbura demonstrated that many people seek to be like others and to do as others do, even if the people they want to take for model are doing or living a lie.

For Monsignor Gervais Banshimiyubusa, this day recalls the freedom and courage that characterized Prince Louis Rwagasore, adding that a country that does not have courageous and free-spirited men, is deprived of lasting peace, which affects its population which consequently is doomed to live in uncertainty. He explained that Prince Louis Rwagasore, during his lifetime, did not want to behave like the other "Ganwa". He was characterized by humility while being strong of spirit. To illustrate his remarks, Monsignor Gervais Banshimiyubusa recalled that Prince Louis Rwagasore was able to reorganize his party (UPRONA), starting from the principle of peace and unity as the foundation of this party. According to the Archbishop of Bujumbura, Prince Louis Rwagasore

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knew that in order to get rid of the colonial yoke, the burundians had to stand up as one man to claim Independence of Burundi.

As Burundi celebrated the 59th anniversary of the Assassination of the Hero of Independence of Burundi, Monsignor Gervais Banshimiyubusa asked the faithful and the Burundian people in general to adopt the spirit of the Hero of Independence by restoring the image of Burundi. He seized the opportunity to urge the faithful to pray for Burundi so that it will always have valiant men, able to help burundians to consolidate the independence of Burundi, an independence which cost the life of Prince Louis Rwagasore. He also urged the faithful to avoid wickedness, renounce hypocrisy, and walk according to the word of God in order to attract divine blessings.

Finally, the Archbishop of Bujumbura asked the faithful not to seek the admiration of the people or their own interests, but rather to seek the general interest as Jesus Christ did, who sought only to please God.

After the mass, the ceremonies continued at the mausoleum of Prince Louis Rwagasore located at Vugizo in the Kiriri district where high Dignitaries, Members of the Government, Representatives of approved political parties, members of the biological family of Prince Louis Rwagasore and the Members of the Diplomatic and

Consular Corps accredited to Burundi followed the course of the Hero of Burundi's Independence.

Then came the moment for the laying of wreaths of flowers on his mausoleum, starting with the Presidential Couple, then the laying of a wreath of flowers on the tomb of the two daughters of the Hero of Independence by two daughters of the Head of State. Thirdly, it was the biological family who laid the wreath of flowers on the tomb of Prince Louis Rwagasore, followed by Representatives of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps accredited in Burundi as well as Representatives of political parties approved in Burundi and the Association "Fraternité Ishaka".

They then listened the speech given by the Hero of Independence, Prince Louis Rwagasore after the victory of his UPRONA party in the legislative elections of 1961 in which he announced that the victory belonged to all the burundian people. Prince Louis Rwagasore also indicated in his speech that the Government will focus mainly on economic issues, land and education issues and many more. In his speech, Prince Louis Rwagasore indicated that his Government would not tolerate thieves, bandits and aggressors.

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Regideso: The Prime Minister brings together the Heads of Departments



The Prime Minister His Excellency CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni held on Wednesday October 14, 2020, in the premises of the Ministry of Hydraulics, Energy and Mines, a meeting to make contact with the Heads of Departments of Regideso.

His Excellency CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni indicated that the objective of that meeting was to analyze toge-

ther the challenges that haunt this company in order to find solutions together.

The Prime Minister clarified that the Government's objective is to work for the satisfaction of the population, that is why he asked Regideso staff to change their mentality, to work transparently and in all honesty. The Prime Minister said that Regideso has totaled more than 10 years without recording any profit. He called on the staff of this company to work diligently to straighten it out.

His Excellency CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni made it known that the Government of Burundi will not tolerate those who squander state property. He called on these Heads of Departments to work on their own within the rules, because the development of the country will come mainly from good work by Regideso.

The Prime Minister asked them to stop bad governance in order to turn the business around, to take the lead in

supplying cash water and cash power meters throughout the country as decided in the Council of Ministers.

The Minister of Water, Energy and Mines Ir Ibrahim UWIZEYE called on the workers in his Ministry to

implement the pieces of advice given by the Prime Minister in the interest of the people and the country.

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Delivery of school materials to underprivileged students in the Kanyosha zone



The Prime Minister launched on Monday, October 12, at the basic school (ECOFO) of Ruziba I, the activity of distributing aid consisting of bags, notebooks and pens to poor students of the Kanyosha zone in Muha commune. This material was donated, via the Prime Minister, by the HUAWEI Company.

The envoy of the Prime Minister, OPC1 Benoît Bararwandika, said that this company gave 1,000 notebooks of 100 sheets, 1,000 pens and 500 bags intended for the urban commune of Muha, 70% being intended for the Kanyosha zone alone, i.e. 700 note-

books, 700 pens and 340 bags. Each pupil was entitled to five notebooks, a pen and a bag. This delegate of the Prime Minister invited the students and their teachers to work with passion for the better future of the country. For his part, the HUAWEI Company Representative pledged to continue supporting education, especially in telecommunications. He did not fail to congratulate the burundian Government for its determination to fight against COVID-19. The Administrator of Muha Commune and the Communal Director of Education in this commune expressed the urgent need for desks and classrooms. He said that the number of 4,485 students registered in Muha Commune far exceeds the places and desks available.

They also asked for computers to facilitate the work of the Communal Directorate of Education and, if possible, of basic schools. The launch of this activity concerned 20 destitute students from ECOFO Ruziba I to continue in other establishments of the Urban Municipality of Muha.

(Source: www.abpinfos.com)

Parents called to be role models for their children



The International Day of the Girl was celebrated on Monday, October 12, 2020 in Mpanda Commune of Bubanza Province under the theme: "Let us carry our voices far for the promotion

of the girl". The First Lady of Burundi Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye enhanced these ceremonies with her presence.

According to the Resident Coordinator a.i of the United Nations System in Burundi Mr. Neils Scott, since 2012, the International Day of the Girl is celebrated on October 11, of each year. This day offers an opportunity to listen to the voices of girls, highlight their needs and engage in possible solutions.

At the global level, the International Day of the Girl 2020 edition is celebrated under the theme: "my voice, equality for our future", continued Mr. Neils Scott the Resident Coordinator a.i of the United Nations system in Burundi of the statement by the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), "Let's listen to girls and defend their rights", Mr. Neils Scott

said that it is the right of every girl to speak out and be heard.

The Resident Coordinator a.i of the United Nations System in Burundi indicated that the International Day of the Girl is also an opportunity to commit to listening and making the voices of girls heard when their voices are silenced in communities and in public spheres. And to add that according to the sustainable development agenda for 2030, defined in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), everything must be done to ensure that girls are not left behind.

For millions of girls around the world, silence is imposed on them including female genital mutilation, early marriage and other harmful practices that not only violate a girl's bodily integrity and empowerment, but also his confidence and his ability to make informed choices about his life, concluded the Resident Coordinator a.i of the United Nations System in Burundi.

The Minister of National Solidarity, Human Rights, Social Affairs and Gender Madam Imelde Sabushimike for her part welcomed the presence of the First Lady of Burundi in these festivities, a sign of her attachment to supporting the good education of the burundian girl, the promotion and empowerment of the girl in general. The Minister Madam Imelde Sabushimike said that the Government of Burundi has notably put in place a legal framework to repress the perpetrators of Gender-Based Violence, as part of the promotion of the girl.

Taking the floor, the First Lady of Burundi, Her Excel-

lency Angeline Ndayishimiye said she was satisfied with the step already taken by the Government of Burundi in terms of the promotion and protection of the burundian girl, especially in terms of education and the legal level, in order to punish the perpetrators of Gender-Based Violence. Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye urged young girls to avoid materialism and the consumption of psychoactive substances. She also recommends that they wear decent clothes and make good use of Information and Communication Technologies. She also urged young girls to avoid early marriages, debauchery and to keep their virginity until their wedding day. Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye recommended that parents closely monitor their children's behavior and serve as a role model for them. To the burundian community, she recommends denouncing the perpetrators of gender-based violence so that they can be brought to justice and to stand as witnesses against such crimes.

Addressing the teachers, the First Lady of Burundi also asked them to keep in mind their status as educators, to watch over the behavior of their students and not to lead them into debauchery.

During these ceremonies, 500 vulnerable girls identified in Bubanza province and in 5 other provinces received dignity kits, to meet their most basic intimate needs. Lamps were also given to them to allow them to revise their lessons in the evening.

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THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION MEETS IN A MEETING-BRIEFING THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR CORPS AND OF REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS



On Friday October 9, 2020, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, His Excellency Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO met the Representatives of the Diplomatic and Consular

Corps and of Regional and International Organizations accredited in Burundi. They discussed several subjects, including the strengthening of diplomatic relations, the request to withdraw Burundi from the agenda of the United Nations Security Council, and the lifting of unilateral and immoral sanctions unjustly imposed on Burundi by some partners, an exchange on an unjustified upsurge in complaints lodged at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation by burundian nationals who serve in Diplomatic and Consular Missions and Regional and International Organizations that operate in Burundi.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation reminded his listeners that the period they have just spent in Burundi allowed them to perso-

nally realize the political evolution in our country, in particular the step taken in consolidating democracy and building the rule of law.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation caught the attention of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to Burundi, on the central character of the future of the security sector in Burundi, namely its regional character. Indeed, Burundi is in a region marked from time to time by outbreaks of violence and instability caused by the negative forces that abound in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo as well as the non-respect of regional legal instruments in matters related to peace and security. It is a challenge for Burundi and the region, but the Minister has called for responsibility.



The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation pointed out that the Government of Burundi strongly supports the idea that the economic development pursued by regional groups requires constant work for the maintenance of peace and security in each country. Also, the initiatives that Burundi is taking come from the deep feeling that Africans must be able to face their challenges. The Minister said that to african problems, there must be african solutions. He said that it is within this framework that Burundi provides its full support to the operationalization of the African Union's peace architecture with a view to dynamic regional cooperation to effectively resolve our own conflicts.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation said that the results of the three-month campaign against the COVID-19 pandemic launched by His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, President of the Republic are very encouraging. However, despite significant progress made in the fight against this pandemic, given that the

enemy is still present among us, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation called for a redoubled vigilance and intensification of the common fight. The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation informed the Representatives of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps and of Regional and International Organizations accredited in Burundi, that for a better channeling of this common fight, the Fund allocated to the fight against COVID-19 will now be a single Fund hosted at the Bank of the Republic of Burundi and that all those who want to intervene in this area will go through this channel. Any parallel initiative will unfortunately be counterproductive.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation urged the Representatives of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps and of Regional and International Organizations accredited to Burundi to report and bear witness to the real reality on Burundi, because their frankness, their sincerity and their good faith can contribute to the withdrawal of Burundi from the agenda of the United Nations Security Council and the lifting of unilateral and immoral sanctions unfairly imposed on Burundi by certain partners.

In the same context, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation invited certain partners who have taken unilateral and immoral sanctions unfairly imposed on Burundi to lift them without delay because the status quo is not an option and it is counterproductive for all parties. If these unjust, immoral and illegal sanctions continue, Burundi could, in turn, use the principle of reciprocity as a last resort.

For his part, His Excellency Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation promised them full collaboration so that they can easily accomplish their respective missions.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation insisted on the unjustified increase in complaints filed at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation by Burundian nationals who serve in Diplomatic and Consular Missions and accredited Regional and International Organizations in Burundi who ask for the intervention of the Ministry so that justice should be done to them. Most of the disputes between their Missions and local employees relate to employment contracts, their interpretation and management.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation urged the Representatives of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps and of the Regional and International Organizations to correctly and positively interpret the content of the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic

Relations and the Headquarters Agreements , in particular with regard to the sometimes abusive management of privileges and immunities. This would avoid the current inconvenience which unfortunately goes far to appeals for trials.

To conclude, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation reiterated to the Representatives of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps and of Regional and International Organizations, Burundi's attachment to the principles of the United Nations Charter, to shared values aimed at making the world in which we live, more just, more united and respectful of the environment in general and of the Mother Earth in particular.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation said that those who want to walk with Burundi, they have in front of them a reliable partner, honest and faithful to the sincere friendship between the peoples.

Finally, in their turn, the Representatives of the Diplomatic Corps welcomed this initiative and took note of it.

The Deputy Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, Ambassador of the Republic of Kenya in Burundi, His Excellency Kenneth N. Vitisia said that the Diplomatic Corps congratulates the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation for the good relations.

The Deputy Dean of the Diplomatic Corps also testified that the democratic elections in Burundi went well and that they will support the Government of the Republic of Burundi in the development initiatives by drawing inspiration from the National Development Plan of Burundi (PND 2018-2027).



The Ambassador of the Republic of Kenya to Burundi also praised Burundi's contribution to the restoration and maintenance of peace and security in Somalia and the Central African Republic in particular and in the Region in general.

The Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Burundi, His Excellency Mr. Li Changlin said that the Diplomatic Corps is closely following all the events happening in Burundi. The Ambassador of the People's Republic of China in Burundi said that he followed the conduct of the 2020 elections in Burundi and testified that they went well.

His Excellency Mr. Li Changlin said that the People's Republic of China will continue to support the Government of the Republic of Burundi so that Burundi is removed from the agenda of the United Nations Security Council and that unilateral and immoral sanctions unfairly imposed on Burundi by some partners be lifted.

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Nyabugete and Gisyo sites: servicing did not respect wetlands



The allocation of plots to the Gisyo and Nyabugete phase V sites in the Kanyosha zone in the town hall of Bujumbura did not comply with the requirements of the water code.

This observation was made on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 during a raid that the Director General in charge of the Environment, Mr. Jérémie Nkinahatemba, carried out on these sites in the company of the municipal administration and civil protection. Commissions have been set up to try to find an answer.

In the Gisyo district, a wetland has been serviced. The Director General in charge of the Environment, Water

Resources and Sanitation estimated that this area should be preserved in accordance with Article 60 of the Water Code.

The Director General in charge of the Environment, the Communal Administration, the Representative of Civil Protection, the Representatives of the Association of Land Acquirers at Gisyo level, the Representatives of the local population and other concerned services have held a working session on site and let it be known that the servicing of the Gisyo site should be reviewed. A commission was set up to rule on this issue within one week.



The Commission will be responsible for disaffect the wetland and reassigning it for other purposes compatible with environmental protection. Mr. Jérémie Nkinahatamba said on this occasion that this

commission will draw a demarcation road from the Kanyosha river to the Kinzingwe river to determine the part to be developed and that to be protected in order to ensure ecological balance. The commission will also be responsible for reallocating the plots for those who have been forced to move.

After Gisyo, the delegation from the Directorate General in charge of the Environment visited the Nyabugete phase 5 plot allocation site in the same area of Kanyosha. The delegation noted that the servicing on this site exceeded the limits and did not respect the 150m of the coast of Lake Tanganyika, until clearing of indigenous trees. Here too, it was decided that a commission will draw a route which will determine the residential part to be serviced and the part to be protected.

For their part, the Representatives of the associations of the buyers of the plots indicated that the rise in water on these sites took place after the allocation of the plots. The Communal Administration, for its part, has asked the Burundian Office of Urban Habitat (OBUHA) to do its best to bring into their rights as soon as possible the buyers whose plots have been affected by the code of the water. OBUHA was not represented on these negotiations.

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