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During the 3-day ecumenical prayer organized by the CNDD-FDD which is held from Thursday January 19, 2023 until Saturday January 21, 2023, in the province of Gitega, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye invited the Burundians to institute a culture of prayer in the family in order to inculcate in children true values which are inspired by the word of God.

“Let us teach our children a good policy of governance of the country based on the fear of God «the President indicated, deploring that the education of Burundian children is deteriorated more and more due to lack of dialogue, meetings of bible study and especially family prayer.

By revealing the objective of this prayer of grace organized this year under the theme taken from Nehemi-

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The President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye finally recalled that all power comes from God and urged the leaders not to oppress the people but rather to use their positions to serve the people out of fear of God. It should be noted that on the occasion of this prayer enhanced by the Presidential Couple, which saw the participation of the leaders of the CNDD-FDD party at the highest level and other dignitaries of the State, the Reverend Denise Nkurunziza, in her preaching, invited the august assembly to develop a patriotic spirit like Nehemiah to bring solutions to the problems which haunt the country. (www.presidency.bi).

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"Burundi should be considered at its fair value as a country on the rise"



The Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye received in audience on Tuesday January 17, 2023 at the Palace of Gitega, the Representative of UNICEF in Burundi Mr John Egbe Agbor, with whom they discussed the programs of this organization in order to align them in line with government priorities.

"Because of the reluctance of some development partners, the efforts are scattered, which hinders Burundi to achieve a balanced development" deplored the Burundian Number One, however welcoming the action of UNICEF in Burundi which intervenes in particular in the sectors of health, education, sanitation and social protection within the framework of the protection of the rights of children aged 0 to 18.

To the concerns raised by the UNICEF Representative related to the high mortality rate in early childhood where out of 950 births, 20 do not arrive at 1 month and

school drop-out, the President of the Republic explained that this are the effects of the war which, for more than a decade, shook Burundi.

However, he reassures that the Government of Burundi has undertaken initiatives to improve nutrition and community health by recommending a nutrition program in each hospital and by installing basic care posts on each census hill. In this regard, he welcomed the action of the Office of the First Lady for Development which also contributes to the fight against malnutrition through the project to install school canteens in all schools.

"We must see Burundi at its fair value as a country that is recovering and avoid comparing it to other countries that have always been stable," suggested President Ndayishimiye, confident that his country has already taken a satisfactory step in terms of development although there are still war scars.

He concluded by reiterating his call on all Burundi's development partners to work together with the government and above all to support the Economic Empowerment and Youth Employment Program (PAEJ) in order to create a new generation, which, according to him, will change Burundi.

On the sidelines of this audience, His Excellency Ndayishimiye paid a visit to his rabbit breeding project to the UNICEF delegation and presented to them his project to modernize and extend the hutch in order to lead by example and to contribute to the promotion of agro-pastoral activities. (www.presidency.bi).

The Minister of Solidarity and that of Energy meet the population of Cibitoke



On Wednesday January 18, 2023, the Minister of National Solidarity Mrs. Imelde Sabushimike and that of Energy and Mines Ir. Ibrahim Uwizeye jointly hosted a meeting in Mabayi commune, Cibitoke province, to inquire about the concerns of the population relating to the

two Ministries.

Among the concerns expressed in particular by the administration: many indigent people in Buganda and Rugombo communes who need land and street children who are becoming more and more numerous. Minister Imelde Sabushimike gave the Government's guidance on these issues.

To these concerns, the Minister said that the government retreat recommended that all people have access to land and street children are supervised. But this does not prevent the administrations from organizing themselves to supervise these children and give them the

necessary training.

In relation to energy, the inhabitants of Cibitoke province raised the problems of electrical transformers which are overwhelmed or non-electrified localities, which handicaps development activities. Minister Ibrahim Uwizeye has recognized that the population really shows a great need for electrical energy and has preceded the public authorities. But he calmed down by saying that Regideso will take care of it so that the population has access to electricity.

On this question of electrical energy, the CEO of Regideso indicated that there is no longer much to worry about. Regideso first took care of identifying supply markets for electrical equipment, meters, electric poles, etc. Significant quantities of materials have been imported at a lower cost than previous orders and are either in stock or on the way.

For electricity, Regideso plans to replace wooden poles, or worn ones with metal or reinforced con-

crete poles, but also to replace all conventional or damaged electric meters with new cash power meters. It is the same with the shortage of drinking water, the DG of Regideso said that the material is being imported and many activities are planned to provide drinking water to the population.

The lack of drinking water was mentioned in the urban center of Cibitoke and in other localities where water sources have been identified, but the water supplies are dilapidated or overflowed.

In the exchanges, we returned to the issue of mining operations, the Minister in charge of Mines, Ir. Ibrahim Uwizeye recommended strict compliance with the decisions taken by the Government.

For the problems caused by the Tanganyika mining company, whose activities have been suspended following a misunderstanding with the Government, the Minister of Hydraulics, Energy and Mines, recommends taking legal action. (www.rtnb.bi)

Ruyigi/Gisuru: Community health workers receive material kits



On Tuesday January 17, 2023, the Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS Dr Sylvie Nzeyimana handed over a kit of materials intended for community health workers in the health district of Gisuru, in the health province of Ruyigi. This is equipment that will allow them to properly carry out their community health outreach activity.

This kit of equipment consisting of bicycles, mobile phones, boots, megaphones, badges, bin seals, raincoats and timer batteries was given to

each of the 211 community health workers in the health district of Gisuru. The objective of distributing this kit is to enable community health workers to educate families about having their children vaccinated and carrying out community health surveillance.

The Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS Dr. Sylvie Nzeyimana is delighted that this health district of Gisuru has evolved over the past 3 years, increasing the vaccination rate and she has no doubt that this health office of Gisuru will continue to progress.

Dr. Sylvie Nzeyimana urged the community health workers benefiting from the material kit to save it and make good use of it, to use it for as long as possible. She praised their voluntary services which help the ministry to achieve more results in health coverage. And to add that the pretexts of lack of travel and other materials are over, that we must therefore get down to work to finally achieve the expected result, concluded Dr Sylvie Nzeyimana, Minister in charge of public health. (rtnb.bi)

Burundi is ready for the Universal Periodic Review, 4th cycle



The Ministry in charge of Human Rights organized from January 17 to 19, 2023, a workshop to validate the national report

on the universal periodic review of Burundi, 4th cycle. The UPR is a review of the achievements of UN Member States in the field of human rights. The UPR allows UN Member States to present the measures it has taken to improve the human rights situ-

ation on its territory and fulfill its obligations in this regard.

This 4th report, which is being enriched in this validation workshop, contains general information on Burundi, the responses to the recommendations of the 3rd cycle of the UPR, the progress made by Burundi, the challenges encountered and the prospects of future.

The holding of the 4th cycle of the UPR of Burundi will take place during the 43rd session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review scheduled from May 1 to 12, 2023 in Geneva, said Mrs. Tantine Ncutinamagara, assistant to the minister in charge of human rights. (www.rtnb.bi)

Cankuzo/Ruyigi: the Ministers of Health and Justice collect the grievances of the population



As part of the implementation of the recommendations of the government retreat, the Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS Dr Sylvie Nzeyimana and that of Justice Domine Banyankimbona met on Monday January 16, 2023, at the capital of the province of Cankuzo, the heads of decentralized services in the areas of health and justice.

In his welcoming address, the Governor of Cankuzo Boniface Banyiyezako indicated that in the field of health there are problems linked, among other things, to the insufficiency of personnel, equipment, personnel who abandon work, paramedical school whose staff is insufficient and the lack of mattresses in the dormitories of this school.

Responding to the concerns of those responsible for health care structures, the Minister in charge of Health Dr Sylvie Nzeyimana gave guidance and promised to support these health structures with personnel, equipment and training so that they are up to date with some protocols.

In the field of justice, the Governor of the province Cankuzo Boniface Banyiyezako indicated that the province faces certain difficulties including the lack of vehicles, the insufficiency of the personnel, the material and the completed trials which are not carried out.

Before receiving the concerns of the population, the Minister of Justice, Mrs. Domine Banyankimbona, informed the public that she had provided answers to the appeals addressed to her during the year 2020.

Mrs. Domine Banyankimbona also indicated that the Ministry is working to release detainees who have committed less serious offenses so that they appear on provisional release, in order to unclog detention houses. Such a measure has already reduced the prison population from 400% to 284%, she said.

For other concerns of the population in terms of justice, the Minister of Justice Domine Banyankimbona gave opinions, considerations and orientations in the direction of finding a favorable outcome.

On the sidelines of the meeting, the Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS granted powdered milk support to infants at the Notre Dame de Lourdes orphanage run by the Bene Bernadette sisters in Muremera in the Kigamba commune of the Cankuzo province.

The Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS Dr Sylvie Nzeyimana visited in the afternoon of Monday January 16, 2023, the province of Ruyigi where she met the heads of decentralized services, the heads

of health care structures in order to listen to the grievances of the population and health personnel. In his welcoming address, the Governor of Ruyigi, Mrs. Tabu Emmerancienne, noted a number of challenges that haunt the health sector, in particular the lack of personnel, supervision and supply vehicles and the subsidies that reach the structures of health care.

According to Governor Tabu, other concerns are linked to the worrying figures of cases of malnutrition in Gisuru and Kinyinya, the poor reception of patients in certain health center, the theft of medicines as well as a kind of parasites which attack the population during the night.

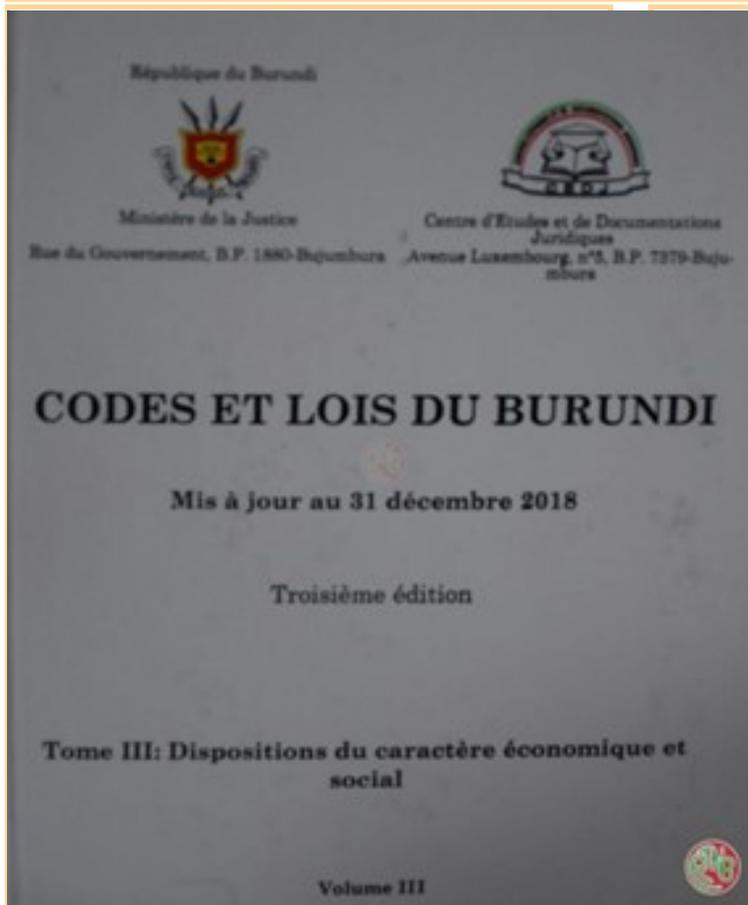
Reacting to the concerns raised, the Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS Dr Sylvie Nzeyimana asked the head of the provincial health

office and the health office to become more involved in monitoring the management of health district funds and in the event of embezzlement, to rely on the Anti-Corruption Court for repression and the return of embezzled funds.

Regarding some providers who do not behave properly towards patients, the Minister in charge of Health Dr. Sylvie Nzeyimana warned those who display such behavior meaning that they will be severely punished.

Concerning the insects which have invaded the communes of Gisuru and Kinyinya and which attack humans, the Minister responsible for health has indicated that the Ministry will dispatch technical teams to analyze these insects and propose a way to combat these insects. (www.rtnb.bi)

The Ministry of Justice popularizes the 3rd edition of codes and laws of Burundi



The Ministry of Justice via its Center for Legal Studies and Documentation (CEDJ) organized in the capital of Gitega province, a workshop to popularize the 3rd edition of codes and laws of Burundi, for chiefs decen-

tralized services operating in this province.

The Director of the Center for Legal Studies and Documentation (CEDJ) of the Ministry of Justice Mr. Cyprien Bigirimana indicated that each edition of the codes and laws is an opportunity to update and know the content of Burundian law. He indicated that the 3rd edition compiles the new texts of laws and regulations, the modifications and the repeals which occurred during the period from 2012 to 2018.

Mr. Cyprien Bigirimana, Director of the CEDJ center specified that the popularization of the 3rd edition is the result of the combined efforts of the partners concerned, namely the CEDJ and the Government of Burundi via the Ministry of Justice, since its realization did not benefit donor support like the 2nd edition.

The participants in the popularization workshop of the 3rd edition of the codes and laws of Burundi organized by the Ministry of Justice positively appreciated this activity, but expressed the wish that these codes

and laws be translated into Kirundi so that they can use it effectively. (www.rtnb.bi)

A delegation from the National Police of Burundi at the highest level met the Director General of the National Police of the Republic of Türkiye



On Tuesday January 17, 2023, a delegation of the National Police of

Burundi at the highest level led by the Chief of the Police Cabinet General Major Leonidas NDARUZANIYE, met the Director General of the National Police of the Republic of Türkiye to discuss the subjects of common interests and the cooperation project in the security field between them. This Delegation was accompanied by His Excellency Mr. Gérard NTAHORWAROYE BIKEBAKO, the Ambassador of the Republic of Burundi in Türkiye. At the end of the exchanges, the two security forces

agreed to quickly instruct the technical teams for the implementation of the cooperation agreement in the security field already ratified by the Burundian side. After the meeting with the National Police of the Republic of Türkiye, the delegation of the National Police of Burundi at the highest level visited the companies spe-



cialized in the manufacture of military police equipment where they were interested in their achievements.

The companies visited are: BMC (Berone Motos Company), MKE (Makine ve Kimya Endustrisi), AVS (Avionics and Sensors) and SD (System Defense). **(MAECD)**

54th UNSAC Meeting



small armies and light weapons and organized crime, transhumance, maritime piracy in the Gulf of Guinea, migration crises,

The 54th meeting of experts of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa (UNSAC) was held on January 13, 2023 in Brazzaville. The activities of this meeting were officially opened by the Head of the Political and Legal Organs of the United Nations in the Ministry of External Relations of Cameroon, the country holding the rotating Presidency of the said Committee, Mr. Lasconi Mougui Medi. During this meeting, Mr. Lasconi Mougui Medi reminded the context and the stakes which justify the urgency of deepening the reflection aimed at finding adequate solutions to the factors of instability which concern the Member States, namely the classic security threats such as the uncontrolled circulation of

climate change, terrorism and violent extremism with drastic consequences especially for women and children without forgetting the cases of proliferation of hate speech amplified by the pernicious use of social networks.

As Mr. Lasconi Mougui Medi indicated, the report of the outgoing office made it possible to appreciate the efforts made to face these challenges. With particular regard to hate speech, Mr. Lasconi Mougui Medi highlighted the importance of the draft regional strategy for the prevention and fight against this phenomenon in Central Africa adopted during an inclusive Forum in Kinshasa on 24 June 2022.

According to the Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Francophonie and Congolese Abroad,

Mr. André Poh, it is necessary to take measures for the implementation of this strategy. He also welcomed everyone's participation in the 54th session of the Committee. He noted that their presence reflects the will and commitment of the Member States who work tirelessly and on a daily basis to resolve the problems facing the sub-region. Congo, which is now chairing the meeting of the

Committee of Experts, also recalled the importance of dialogue and negotiation to search for lasting solutions to the challenges facing the countries of Central Africa. It should be noted that the protocol phase was followed by discussions on the geopolitical and security review presented by the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS). **(MAECD)**

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