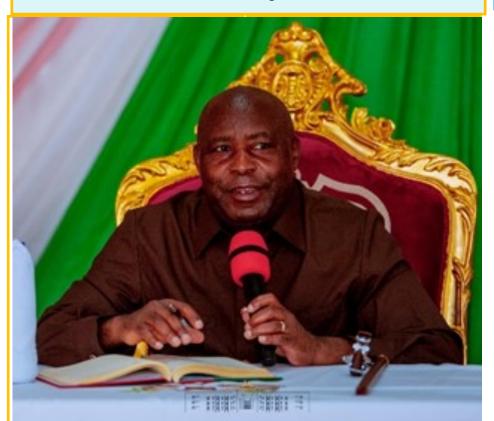
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The President of the Republic urges the defense Corps to be more far-sighted



uring a lively moral talk on Monday May 27, 2024 in Bujumbura for those responsible for the defense forces of the first infantry division, the Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the Defense and Security Forces, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, recommended that the national defense forces increase their foresight in accomplishing their mission.

That session organized for the De-

fense Corps operating in the provinces of Bujumbura, Cibitoke, Bubanza, as well as the Bujumbura Town Hall, is part of the field visits carried out by the Head of State with the aim of discussing with the defense and security forces on the security situation prevailing in the country in order to be able to adopt the strategies to meet the related challenges.

"You must always have in mind that your first sovereign mission is to pro-

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tect the country and its citizens," said the Burundian Number One who also insisted on the obligation for a soldier to sacrifice himself in order to allow the population to concentrate at work and increase the production.

Having praised the bravery and neutrality which characterize the national defense forces of Burundi, President Evariste Ndayishimiye reminded them that they are responsible for the application of the law and that they also play a primordial role in the development of the country particularly at this time when Burundi is fighting

to achieve its vision of becoming an emerging country in 2040 and developed in 2060.

Note that the reports presented in turn by the Commander of the First Infantry Division, the Chief of Staff as well as the Minister of National Defense and Veterans Affairs testified that the security situation inside the country and on the borders is generally good and under control after the recent terrorist attacks perpetrated in certain localities of the country. (**Presidency**)

The Head of State promotes the community development initiatives in Rumonge



uring his trip to the province of Rumonge where he carried out the various activities, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste Nday-

ishimiye inaugurated on May 28, 2024 in the capital of the Rumonge Province a luxury hotel called "NIYIBITURONSA HOTEL", a four-level luxury building that includes 29 air-conditioned rooms and two meeting rooms.

That inauguration by the Highest Authority of the country is part of its determination and vision to promote community development initiatives at the local level. It is a challenge to all Burundians to contribute by making their contribution to the building of community development in order to achieve the 2040-2060 vision.

The Head of State also congratulate Mr Japhet Niyibituronsa, owner of that hotel and encourage him for that good initiative while urging other Burundians who can follow suit and invest in the development of their commune of origin. (**Presidency**)

President Ndayishimiye hosts a moral talk for the police of the Southern region



s part of the tour started by the Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the Defense and Security Corps to meet the police forces of the different regions, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, hosted on May 28, 2024 at the capital from the province

of Rumonge, a moral discussion session for the police in the southern region of the country. This region brings together the provinces of Makamba, Rumonge, Bururi and Rutana.

The discussions during that session were very fruitful. The security forces in that region are grateful for the invaluable support that the Government continues to provide them, which allows them to carry out their mission with complete peace of mind. They are also grateful for the good collaboration with the administration, the population and justice officials. That synergy produces positive results which contribute to the security noted in the southern region.

Although security is generally good, it should be noted

that a few criminals appear here and there but are tracked down and brought before the courts so that they can be punished in accordance with the law.

The Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the Defense and Security Corps His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye took this opportunity to encourage the police officers of the southern region and congratulate them for their achievements but also challenged them to always meditate on their noble assignment.

They must be exemplary in everything and everywhere, respect and enforce the law, ensure its implementation, pursue and bring to justice any criminal and tirelessly ensure the security of the national economy for the sustainable development of the country.

It was a meeting which gives a new impetus of hope to all Burundians in order to go about their business in complete safety for the achievement of an emerging Burundi in 2040 and Developed in 2060. (**Presidency**)

The Head of State H.E Evariste Ndayishimiye discusses the security situation with the defense Corps of the 4th Infantry Division



n Wednesday May 29, 2024, the Burundian Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the defense and security Corps His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye hosted, at Mabanda camp in Makamba province, a moral talk for the defense Corps of the 4th division bringing together the provinces of Bururi, Makamaba, Rumonge and Rutana. It was as part of a tour that he undertook to meet the defense and security forces inside the country to discuss the security situation.

That meeting gave the defense Corps of that region of the 4th Infantry Division an opportunity to express its gratitude to the Government of Burundi which spares nothing to support the defense Corps in order to carry out its activities with complete

peace of mind and with complete ease.

The 4th Infantry Division assured the Commander-in-Chief of the defense and security Corps of the security that reigns in that sector and of the territorial integrity which is assured and also recognizes the good collaboration with the quadrilogy. Their combined efforts allow the peace of the population.

The Burundian Head of State congratulated them for their bravery, their dynamism, their keen sense of patriotism and the pride they give to the country because their reputation through the peacekeeping missions outside the country. There is no doubt. It is that same performance of the Burundian army which means that the enemy cannot attack it head-on and go through intimidation and acts of terrorism or through psychological warfare based on the propagation of rumors. Thanks to the awakening of the defense and security forces, the administration and the population, criminal networks are tracked down and dismantled.

The Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the defense and ecurity Corps thus urged them to continue to strengthen their bravery and to adopt preventive strategies in order to protect and defend the population against the enemy of peace, enemy of security and development. He encouraged them to continue to make their contribution to the building of the country's economy in order to constitute an army at the service of the country's development, an army at the service of the vision of Burundi emerging in 2040 and developed in 2060. (**Presidency**)

Strengthening the relations of friendship and cooperation on the agenda of discussions during the audience granted to the special envoy of the Chinese President

n Friday May 31, 2024, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi, received in audi-

ence, at Gitega Palace, a delegation led by Mr LIU Yuxi, special Envoy of the Chinese Government for



african affairs. He carried a greeting from his Counterpart the President of the People's Republic of China His Excellency Xi Jiping and an invitation to participate in the Summit of the China-Africa Cooperation Forum (FOCAC) which will be held in September this year year in Beijing. It will be a major forum that will focus on friendship and cooperation between African countries

and the People's Republic of China.

During that audience, Mr LIU Yui welcomed the very good relations of friendship and cooperation that exist between the two countries and reaffirmed the commitment of the People's Republic of China in order to support Burundi and to continue doing everything implemented in order to maintain the very fruitful relations of friendship and cooperation.

For his part, the Head of State expressed his satisfaction for the good relations of cooperation between the two countries, the support of the People's Republic of China during the various difficult times that Burundi went through, both on the national level than international. "We are also satisfied with the cooperation projects executed or which continue to be executed, whether in the infrastructure, agriculture, health, humanitarian, and education and training sectors, young Burundians, etc.," added the Burundian Number One.

Regarding the Summit of the China-Africa Cooperation Forum, President Evariste Ndayishimiye reassured that Burundi will not miss that meeting which will bring the added value to the deepening of relations of friendship and cooperation. (**Presidency**)

Participation of the Right Honorable President of the Senate in the 17th meeting of the Office of the Speakers of the East African Community Parliaments



n May 28, 2024, the President of the Senate, Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera, flew to Nairobi in the Republic of Kenya where he will take part in the 17th meeting of the Bureau of the Parliament Speakers of member countries of the Eastern Community. African (EAC), which will be held on May 29, 2024.

During that meeting, the Speakers of the Houses of Parliament will discuss the topics related to the daily life of the member countries of the Community in accordance with Article 49 of the East African Community Treaty.

The Participants in that meeting will also discuss the various reports, including that of the 2023 interparliamentary games which took place in Kigali, Rwanda, and offer the suggestions on the preparation of the 14th edition of those same games for this year. **(Senate)**

Return of the President of the Senate from a mission to Kenya

n thursday may 30, 2024, the President of the Senate, Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera arrived at the Melchior Ddadaye International Airport from Nairobi, Kenya where he had participated in the 17Th meeting of Speakers of Parliaments of the member countries

of the East African Community , which was held on May 29, 2024.

The President of the Senate indicated that in that meeting, it was an opportunity to welcome their counterpart, the President of the National Assembly of Somalia and that other reports were also



processed.

Those Presidents adopted the calendar of the interparliamentary games which will take place in Mombasa and also discussed the financial status report of the member countries of the community in the payment of the contributions given that there are arrears for certain countries.

On the sidelines of that meeting, the President of the upper house of Parliament also indicated that they discussed how those Parliaments can contribute in achieving the vision that that community has given itself.

Among those contributions, the Parliaments will educate the population on the interest of that community and see how to



achieve the dream of the founders of the said community of making those countries a federation. (**Senate**)

The Head of diplomacy of Burundi, one of the 100 most influential personalities on the continent



n Thursday May 30, 2024, in Harare, capital of Zimbabwe, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation His Excellency Ambassador Albert Shingiro was honored to receive from the Business Executive Group, the prize among the 100 most influential personalities in Africa in an event organized under the theme "people who drive the African renaissance".

In his speech for the occasion, Minister Albert Shingiro expressed his gratitude to the organizers for having planned that important event. He said that that distinction gives him confidence and moti-



vates him to work even harder alongside other African leaders, from diverse backgrounds, to make a positive and lasting impact on the lives of Africans.

For Minister Albert Shingiro, that award not only strengthens his self-confidence, but also gives him greater responsibility to strengthen his contributions as a diplomat and political leader to make the African continent a better place to live for the current generation and the next. He recognizes the key role that everyone has played in his long journey to success: the guidance, affection and unwavering support he received





were the cornerstones of this important achievement and that it is very easy for n Anyone want to try different things and start a new journey.

Thanks to the motivation and support, Minister Albert Shingiro thanked His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi, from whom he receives guidance and wise advice in the exercise of his functions, his dear family, the dedicated staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation and the valiant citizens of Burundi, the remarkable people who have been its pillars of strengthen, love and

energy. "I would like to dedicate this magnificent prize to them," he added the Minister.

He invited all the participants to visit Burundi, the heart of Africa, the heart of dreams, the country of milk and honey, the country of a thousand and one locality, a country of a thousand and one opportunities, and a land with a thousand and one natural beauties. A nation characterized by the warmth and generosity of its 13 million people, each offering genuine smiles and welcoming arms. Note that that prize is the second international one that the Head of Burundian diplomacy has obtained in the space of six months after having received the 2024 Prize for Best Minister of Development Cooperation in Africa last February in Mauritius. (MFADC)

Official launch of the career competition in Burundi, 2nd edition 2024



n Thursday May 30, 2024, the Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research, in partnership with the development agency Enabel and the Federal Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Burundi (CFCIB) officially launched in Bujumbura, the career competition: Umwuga Award, 2nd edition 2024.

In his speech, the Assistant to the Minister in charge of

National Education and Scientific Research, Mr Herménégilde Burikukiye indicated that the trade competition: Umwuga Award is a competition which brings together young winners from technical education schools and professional training. This competition aims to give these winners the opportunity to exchange experiences to enable them to tackle the profession with ease or to create their own job.

To that end, Mr Burikukiye indicated that the Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research recommended to promoters of schools and trades education centers to increase the number of technical education sections, in order to promote young people who want to follow technical education courses.

For teaching materials, he announced that the Ministry

responsible for national education, in collaboration with the Government of Burundi, provides a budget each year to be able to equip teaching or trade centers, whether it is a laboratory and workshop for scientific schools as well as technical sections. Mr Burikukiye also indicated that support from development partners is necessary for these centers to be well equipped.

As for the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Burundi (CFCIB), Mr Denis Nshimirimana, he noted that these professions helped the young winners to become experts in the professions in order to meet the real needs of the country. He said that thanks to the advantages that young people received in the 1st edition, he invites other young people to take advantage of the opportunity to participate in the competition of the second edition, specifying that the registration period (through the forms.office.com/e/AYZ8xGiMGr) will last 30 days starting May 23, 2024. This registration will be followed by selection tests.

The Permanent Secretary of the Federal Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Burundi (CFCIB) specified that that year's competition concerns young people aged 16 to 25. Young women and

girls are encouraged to register for better gender balance. He requested the creation of a tripartite team: Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research, ENABEL and the Federal Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Burundi (CFCIB) specifying that professions such as agro-food technology, painting, and cooking professions appear on the list of 8 professions proposed for that Edition. These professions offered include sewing, automobile mechanics, electrical installation, welding, carpentry, masonry, Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) and Bar Restaurant Service.

As for Mr Arnaud Lion in charge of cooperation at the embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium in Burundi, he noted that the strengthening of an agreement which specifies the public and private partnership in matters of technical and professional education and training proves necessary for a better match between training and employment.

Note that the official launch of the 1st Edition: Umwuga Award took place on April 27, 2023, at the Lake Tanganyika Club Hotel, where the Minister of National Education and Scientific Research, Dr. François Havyarimana also invited young Burundians to take an interest in vocational and technical training with a view to finding a solution to the great enigmatic equation of unemployment in Burundi. (ABP)

The Italian doctors on mission to Burundi



n Monday May 27, 2024, the Bonne Action Umugiraneza Foundation welcomed at the Umugiraneza Polyclinic at Kibimba, Gitega commune, in Gitega province, a team of doctors specializing in pediatric surgery belonging to the Italian association Emergency NGO Onlus. The Coordinator of the Bonne Action Umugiraneza Foundation, Mr Aimable Sindayikengera, indicates that those doctors from the Emergency NGO Onlus

association came to Burundi for the 3rd time. They came to consult children suffering from congenital malformations, in order to transfer them to Uganda, where they will be treated at the Children's Surgical Hospital in Entebe.

The Coordinator of the Bonne Action Umugiraneza Foundation Mr Aimable Sindayikengera thanks the Emergency NGO Onlus association from Italy, for its support to the Bonne Action Umugiraneza Foundation in promoting health in Burundi. Kind Sindayikengera from the Bonne Action Umugiraneza Foundation, asks other partners to follow in the footsteps of the Emergency NGO Onlus association, in improving the health of the population, especially those who are vulnerable, in order to ensure effective development from the country. According to Mr Aimable Sindayikengera, the Emergency NGO Onlus association hopes that in the days to come, consultation and treatment work for children suffering from diseases linked to congenital malformations will be carried out in Burundi, at the Umugiraneza Poly-

clinic in Kibimba, as well as the training of Burundian doctors in order to reduce expenses.

Doctors specializing in pediatric surgery from Emergency ONG Onlus have already treated 78 Burundian children free of charge who suffered from diseases linked to congenital malformations. After consultation, children

who present with emergency cases are transferred to Uganda to the Children's Surgical Hospital in Entebe along with their sick caregivers and are fully taken care of. The consultations take place in Bujumbura and at the Umugiraneza Polyclinic of the Bonne Action Umugiraneza Foundation in Kibimba in the Gitega province. (RTNB)

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