



**The President of the Republic meets the Police operating in the central region in Ruyigi**



**O**n Tuesday June 4, 2024, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye brought together in Ruyigi Province the Representatives of the security forces working in the central region bringing together the provinces of Ruyigi, Muramvya, Mwaro and Gitega as part of a tour which he recently started with a view of discussing with the defense and security forces on the security situation prevailing in the country.

“It was an opportunity to self-evaluating but also analyzing the state of security inside the country,” revealed Mrs Rosine Gatoni, the Spokesperson for the President of the

Republic, at the end of this session which was held behind the closed doors.

She also suggested that the Burundian Number One and Commander-in-Chief of the Defense and Security Forces paid the tribute to the police forces operating in that region who continue honoring their uniform thanks to the good collaboration with the quadrilogy made up of the administration, the justice, the law enforcement and the population.

“The security Corps in this region is very grateful to the Government of Burundi for its countless efforts of creating the favorable conditions for the work which are at the origin of this

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good performance,” she continued.

The Head of State concluded that session calling on those police forces to be extra vigilant by ensuring the

strict compliance with the law and above all by ensuring the economic security with a view of allowing Burundi to realize its vision as an emerging country in 2040 and developed in 2060. **(Presidency)**

### President Ndayishimiye exchanges with the security force assigned to the Eastern Region



**T**he Burundian Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the Defense and Security Forces, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye continued his tour in the different regions of the National Police of Burundi, where he met on May 5, 2024, in the province of Muyinga, the Security Corps assigned to the Eastern Region, made up of the provinces of Muyinga, Cankuzo, as well as the province of Karusi. As he did in other

regions, the Burundian Head of State gave those Security Corps the opportunity of discussing and assessing the security situation in that region.

The Spokesperson for the President of the Republic, Mrs Rosine Guilène GATONI, said that the report submitted to the Highest Authority is very positive and that it marks an exception for that Eastern region which demonstrates the organizational performance. Those exchanges also gave the Commander-in-Chief of the Defense and Security Corps the opportunity to congratulate them and further encourage them to continue to strengthen their vigilance. He thus reiterated the support of the Burundian Government towards those security forces.

The President of the Republic of Burundi thus reminded the security forces of their mission to ensure the implementation of the laws, of their noble mission, to judge and prosecute any criminal, and to protect the country's economy. He also invited the Security Corps to join the forces with other actors in the private sector in supporting the country's efforts, in order to appropriate the Vision “Burundi, emerging country in 2040 and developed in 2060”. **(Presidency)**

### President Evariste Ndayishimiye pays the tribute to the National Defense Forces

**D**uring the meeting with the soldiers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, held on Thursday June 6, 2024 in Gitega, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye reiterated his respectful tributes to the Burundian armed forces for the bravery and dedication that. They demonstrate for the protection of the country, for their spirit of unity and for the various peacekeeping missions abroad which are crowned with success.

Before the Representatives of the soldiers assigned to the provinces of Gitega, Mwaro, Karusi, Cankuzo and Ruyigi, the President of the Republic and Commander-in-Chief of the Defense and Security Forces praised the courage which characterized the Burundians and particularly the forces of the national defense during the resistance against the German imperialism which



lasted seven years (1896-1904).

He continued his statements by also congratulating the Burundian military for having defended the country

against the attempted coup of 2015 with a complete unity and solidarity, an eloquent testimony that the national defense forces are now united and can no longer be divided, he stressed.

“The country recorded the strong agricultural production during the growing season B because you gave hope to the citizens and they went about their daily activities in complete peace,” remarked the Head of State after recognizing with gratitude the efforts made by the Burundian troops on the peace-keeping missions, particularly in Somalia, the Central African Republic and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Presenting a positive assessment of the tour he had

undertaken in the different military divisions and police regions with a view to inquiring about the security situation in the country, President Ndayishimiye then invited the participants to that closing session of that tour to a frank exchange with the aim of adopting together the new strategies aimed at further strengthening the security of the country.

“An officer who ignores the objective situation is doomed to failure,” reminded the Commander-in-Chief of the Burundian Defense Forces who encouraged the Burundian soldiers to be proud of their exploits and to no longer listen to the political ideas that would distract them of their objective that they have now the total confidence of all the Burundian people. **(Presidency)**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Lady receives in audience the Coordinator of the United Nations System**



**O**n Monday June 3, 2024, the First Lady Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye received in audience the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System Mrs Violet Kenyana Kakyomya. “We reviewed everything that the First Lady does, her activities as President of

the Office of the First Lady for Development in Burundi (OPDD),” said Mrs Violet Kenyana Kakyomya, the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System, after the hearing.

Activities relating to the women's health, the children's health, the youth development, the women's leadership, and the mental health were on the menu of discussions between the First Lady and the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System.

“I was very touched and very impressed by everything she is doing in that country, and I thanked her for the commitment and collaboration with the United Nations System. I made a commitment for supporting everything what it does in order to enable continuing its activities and even doing better”, specified the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System. **(RTNB)**

**Ngozi: The Prime Minister meets the stakeholders in the agricultural sector**

**O**n Wednesday June 5, 2024, the Prime Minister Lieutenant General of Police Gervais Ndirakobuca met in the capital of the province of Ngozi, the stakeholders in the agricultural sector for the evaluation of the growing season B, the preparation of the growing season C and the management of the corn harvest collected by the National Agency for Strategic Food Stock Management (ANAGESSA).

The Prime Minister said that this meeting aimed to put ideas together in order to promote Burundian cultivable soil with a view to achieving the Government's priority, "that every mouth has something to



eat and every pocket has money.” Concerning the preparations for growing season C, the Heads of the Provincial Directorates of Agriculture and

Livestock (DPAE) spoke about the challenges to be met, the needs and emergencies for the smooth running of this growing season and especially the delay recorded in supply of fertilizers and dolomite due to lack of fuel.

Several recommendations were made: rice farmers in the marshes must in particular harvest rice quickly to give up the marshes to food crops. In addition, it will be a question of raising awareness among the population to interplant beans in corn plantations, revaluing rivers that have suffered from flooding to exploit them, raising awareness among the population to make the most of marshes, promoting the cultivation of sweet potatoes and others crops that resist drought, and promote hillside irrigation.

All the stakeholders must act in the common agreement in order to have the fuel, with a view to transporting the fertilizers and seeds to the distribution areas, in order to succeed that growing season C.

Concerning the supply of the fertilizers Organo-Mineral Fertilizers (FOMI) and endolomite, the Provincial Offices of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock (BPEAE) are called upon to monitor and transmit the updated stock reports at their disposal, especially the dolomite suppliers who show the delays in delivery and if necessary, to replace them.

The Prime Minister recommended to the Ministry of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock to monitor the coffee sprouts so that they produce quality plants, before distributing them to the farmers. The Prime Minister also called on all the stakeholders in the agricultural sector not to allow a decline in the step already taken in the increasing production.

Regarding the purchase of the corn harvest by National Agency for Strategic Food Stock Management (ANAGESSA), the figures show that during the first phase, ANAGESSA purchased more than 36 thousand tons and that for the second phase, it is planned to collect more than 25 thousand tons.

The purchase and storage of the corn harvest is experiencing the challenges, notably the stock shortages of plant protection products, packaging and sheds not suitable for storing corn. Faced with those challenges, all those involved in the purchase of the corn must take the ownership of the safety of that harvest because it constitutes a test for all the stakeholders.

After discussions, the Prime Minister recommended the close monitoring of the corn production, both at the shed level and at the producer level. The corn stored in the zones must be dried before being transported to the provincial and regional sheds, and each administrator must ensure the sector of his responsibility.

All the sectoral State services that need the corn must obtain the local corn, in order to find the market for it. All the stocks must be certified, especially the provincial and the regional stocks.

The population must be made aware to sell the surplus because the harvest sold to the National Agency for Strategic Food Stock Management (ANAGESSA) will not be resold to producers. In addition, the crop threatened by the weevils among the producers must be processed and consumed to minimize the losses.

The purchase of the corn concerns exclusively the producers and the cooperatives; the administrators must make their contribution in identifying the success of that activity. The supply of plant protection products must be an emergency to avoid the possible losses.

The small producers not exceeding more than 500kg have the priority for purchase, but the large producers must wait and in the meantime, use the plant protection products in order to avoid the weevils.

Decongestion from the local hangars to the strategic hangars must be carried out by more than one company, to avoid exclusivity. The Agro-pastoral Investment Cooperative (CIAP) must work transparently with the scales that meet the standards of the Burundian Bureau of Standardization and Quality Control (BBN). (RTNB)

### **Election of a commissioner, the member of the Commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC)**

**E**ngineer Ambassador Selemani Mossi is now Commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). He was elected by 86 votes (72.2%) out of the 119 Honorable Deputies present at the plenary session of Monday June 3, 2024. The two other candidates were Mr. El Hadj Haruna Nkunduwigwa who obtained 31 votes, or 26.05% and

Doctor Pierre Claver Kazihise who had 0 votes, that is to say 0%. The two votes which abstained were estimated at 1.16%. Chaired by the Honorable Gilbert Nduwayo, the ad hoc committee composed of seven (7) Honorable Parliamentarians including three (3) Honorable Senators, had selected a total of five (5) candidates on the basis of different criteria including age, diploma, professional ex-



perience, positions of responsibility, experience in the similar field and reference persons.

The five (5) candidates were ranked as follows: 1. Mr Félicien Nzohabonayo: 22.7%; 2. Doctor Pierre Claver Kazihise: 100%; 3. Mr Molisho Ramadhan: 85.4%; 4. Engineer Ambassador Selemani Mossi: 96.3%; 5. Mr El Hadji Haruna Nkunduwigwa: 100%.



That was followed by the morality investigation for the three (3) candidates whose score exceeded 50%. Thus Ambassador Engineer Selemani Mossi obtained 91% against 87.1% of Doctor Pierre Claver



Kazihise and 79.4% of El Hadji Haruna Nkunduwigwa.

A native of Bujumbura Town Hall, Engineer Ambassador Selemani Mossi succeeds the post of Mr Sheikh Sadik Kajandi, deceased. Advisor to the Cabinet of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, Ambassador Engineer Selemani Mossi was the Governor of the province of Gitega before being Ambassador of Burundi to Egypt. **(National Assembly)**

### The President of the Senate receives in audience the Vice-President of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreigners

On Tuesday June 4, 2024, the President of the Senate, Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera received in audience, at the Senate Palace, in Gitega, the political capital of Burundi, the Vice-President of the Chinese People's Friendship Association with Abroad (APCAE), Mr Jiang Jiang accompanied by the members of the CABASCO association (China Alumni Burundian Association for Sustainable Cooperation) made up of Burundians who studied in China.

The Spokesman for the President of the Senate, Mr Ladislas Niyiragira indicated that the objective of his mission was to strengthen the already exist-



ing relations of cooperation and friendship between Burundi and the People's Republic of China. He noted that

the Right Honorable President of the Senate greatly appreciated this mission, which allowed Mr Jiang Jiang to see the true version of the situation prevailing in Burundi, contrary to certain defamatory information circulating on social networks.

He explained that the Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament informed his host that Burundi will soon be made up of five provinces, and invited the Chinese People's Friendship Association with Abroad (APCAE) to play the leading role in the twinning of each province with a province of the Popular Republic of China. **(Senate)**

## The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation receives the Apostolic Nuncio



**O**n Wednesday June 5, 2024, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation His Excellency Ambassador Albert Shingiro received in audience Monsignor Dieudonné Datonou, Apostolic Nuncio to Burundi. The two personalities discussed the subjects of common interest relating to bilateral cooperation between Burundi and the Holy See.

Not that on February 11, 2023, the Holy See and the Republic of Burundi celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of their diplomatic relations and the creation of the Apostolic Nunciature in Burundi. Those began on December 16, 1962 during the visit of the Burundian King to the Vatican at the invitation of the Pope and were deepened by the creation of the Apostolic Nunciature in Burundi on February 11, 1963.

Burundi was among the very first African countries in establishing the diplomatic relations at the level of Embassy with the Vatican State. The relations between Burundi and the Vatican State have always been very good, except under the 2<sup>nd</sup> Republic where the conflict between the State and the Catholic Church greatly deteriorated them, particularly between the years 1985 and 1987. That conflict which had paralyzed the initia-

tives of participation of the Catholic Church in the development of Burundi, was absorbed in 1987 with the advent of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Republic.

Burundi has signed the several cooperation agreements with the Vatican defining and guaranteeing the legal status of the Catholic Church in Burundi and the rules for its functioning in various areas, such as the religious marriages, the places of worship, the Catholic institutions, the assistance and the charitable activities of the Church. To the credit of the cooperative relations with the Vatican, it is essential to underline the role of the Catholic Church in Burundi in the determining field of education where the Vatican has provided the invaluable support in the education and training of millions of Burundian citizens and in the construction and equipment of many schools until today. Generally speaking, the relations between Burundi and the Vatican have evolved positively if we refer to the visits exchanged between Burundi and the Vatican as well as the various



messages of support sent by the Popes and his successors to the Government and the people. Burundian. The Government of Burundi welcomes the moral and the diplomatic support of the Holy See, particularly in the peace process, in order to achieve a true national reconciliation essential for the moral development of the Burundian people and the development of the country. It should also be kept in mind that the Burundian education system continues to benefit greatly from the Vatican's contribution. **(MFADC)**

### Farewell visit of the British Ambassador to Burundi with residence in Kigali



**T**he Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation His Excellency Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO received in audience on Wednesday June 5, 2024 Mr Omar Daair, Ambassador of the United Kingdom to Burundi with

residence in Kigali who came to bid farewell to the end of his mandate.

The cooperative relations between the Republic of Burundi and the United Kingdom have developed gradually in recent years. The Exchanges of the official visits have in fact intensified for several years at a high level and particularly since the establishment of the elected institutions in 2005.

The cooperation actions between Burundi and the United Kingdom take place at two levels: those of British Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and those of the Government.

Most British NGOs are involved in the “Emergency Humanitarian Aid” component. Others also carry out the social activities (rehabilitation of basic social infrastructures, gender and social exclusion), development activities in the education and health sectors and those in the fight against HIV/AIDS, aid to the orphans and the vulnerable children and the good governance. (MFADC)

### The Ambassador of Burundi in Beijing represents the Country at the 1<sup>st</sup> Korea-Africa Summit held in Seoul in the Republic of Korea



**O**n Tuesday June 4, 2024, the Ambassador of Burundi in Beijing Brigadier General Télésphore Irambona represented Burundi at the 1<sup>st</sup> Korea-Africa Summit held in Seoul in the Republic of Korea under the theme: “The shared growth, the sustainability and the solidarity. The Summit was crowned with success. It was attended by 25 African Heads of State and the Heads of Government, the Ministers and the Ambassadors. That high-level meeting responded to



the vision of Korea and Africa of strengthening their partnership in making the most of their strengths in fostering the mutual growth. Korea and Africa see fit to establish the new cooperation mechanisms in order to address the common challenges in priority sectors. The holding of the 1<sup>st</sup> Korea-Africa Summit was appreciated. It was an opportunity to share with others the opinion for the development of the continent on the basis of two major conditions, namely the outward-oriented development and the structuring of a responsible State. The private sector has been described as being of great importance in the development processes of the continent with a strong involvement of the State accompanied by a favorable environment for businesses namely legal security, fiscal stability, and the measures that can be taken in favor of public-private partnership and other development initiatives. It was also noted that Africa must be able to draw the inspiration from the experience of Korea with its formidable industrial and technological successes to make it a privileged partner. On that point, the President of the Republic of Korea His Excellency Yoon Suk-yeol reaffirmed his availability in supporting the African continent through the various development initiatives. He promised to double the official development assistance to Africa to \$10 billion by 2030, and to mobilize \$14 billion in export financing to help Korean companies expand their trade and investment on the continent. Let us point out that the holding of that Summit was of great necessity which could make Korea and Africa the strategic partners in the face of the global challenges. (MFADC)



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### Launch of the competition giving access to post-basic education



The administration of the national certification and orientation competition for post-basic education for students in the 9<sup>th</sup> year 2023-2024 began on Tuesday June 4, 2024. The Minister of National Education and Scientific Research Dr François Havyarimana launched the national competition at the Cankuzoll Communal High School in Cankuzo commune and province. Eighty-one thousand four hundred and twenty-nine (81,429) candidates participated in this competition across the country. That competition giving access to the post-basic education took place in nine hundred and seven (907) examination centers with three thousand three hundred

and six (3306) supervisors.

The Minister of National Education and Scientific Research Dr François Havyarimana indicated that that competition took place normally without major incident despite there being a problem with the vehicles which transported the examination packages and which were broke down, specifying that the situation was quickly restored. Another problem recorded concerns students who had been expelled from school in Bujumbura Town Hall because they had advanced in class illegally but who took the competitive examination. The Minister said he had given instructions to let them work but that their results would be canceled.

The Minister of National Education and Scientific Research also encouraged candidates to work calmly, recalling that this national competition is an evaluation like many others.

After the Cankuzoll communal high school, Minister François Havyarimana went to the Muyaga high school in the same province of Cankuzo, then to the Notre Dame de la Joie high school in the provincial education directorate of Ruyigi, to make an observation on the conduct of this competition in these assessment centers, and to encourage candidates to work in peace. (RTNB)



## Towards the promotion of durable solutions for disaster victims



The Ministry of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, Human Rights and Gender in collaboration with the permanent regional secretariat on sustainable solutions REDSS, organized on Thursday June 6, 2024, a technical workshop for members of the group of work on sustainable solutions in the context of Burundi.

According to the Minister of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, Human Rights and Gender Mrs Imelde Sabushimike, thAT workshop was organized as part of the implementation of the project "promotion of comprehensive durable solutions for refugees in the Great Lakes Region", through increased dialogue and learning exchanges.

The workshop also aimed to inform stakeholders on the implementation of the national strategy for sustainable socio-economic reintegration of affect-

ed people and the inclusion of the Batwa in Burundi, said the Minister in charge of national solidarity.

The working group on durable solutions is a framework for inclusive coordination of interventions, which has been set up in the country, its members come from different sectoral ministries according to their missions, agencies of the United Nations system, bilateral and multilateral partners, international NGOs and international organizations. Its mission is to promote the integration of durable solutions into humanitarian responses, in order to enable a rapid exit from the crisis situation and the strengthening of community resilience.

The Minister in charge of social affairs indicated that this workshop came at the right time, at a time when Burundi has just adopted a national strategy for sustainable socio-economic reintegration of disaster victims and inclusion of the Batwa in Burundi. 2023-2024, adopted by the Council of Ministers on April 17, 2024.

The Ambassador of the European Union to Burundi Mrs Elisabetta Pietrobon, who was present at the opening of this workshop, reiterated the commitment of the European Union to support the government's efforts to welcome returnees in a safe manner and dignified, while contributing to making their return sustainable and peaceful. (RTNB)

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