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### The President of the Republic HE Evariste Ndayishimiye participates in the work of the 76th session of the General Assembly of United Nations



**O**n Sunday, September 19, 2021, the President of the Republic HE Evariste Ndayishimiye, accompanied by the First Lady HE Angeline Ndayishimiye and other burundian Senior Officials including the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, began the trip to the United States of America to take part in the 76th Session of the General Assembly of United Nations in New York.

In his speech that he delivered on Thursday, September 23, 2021, HE Evariste Ndayishimiye made the tour of the situation and realization in different sectors of the life of the country Burundi, in particular the economic situation, security, human right, etc.

HE the President of the Republic of Burundi first informed that this 76th session of the General Assembly is being held at a time when Burundi will celebrate the 60th anniversary of its independence and of its membership in the United Nations family. So it's a moment to remember that the United Nations played a great role because since the end of the First World War, Burundi was managed under the mandate of the League of Nations (SDN) and then of the United Nations.

The mismanagement of the colonial period had negative consequences for Burundi, which incurred just after independence, social conflicts that were characterized by repetitive massacres

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whose wounds are still struggling to heal. As it emerges from the central theme of the general debate of the 76<sup>th</sup> session, we must indeed restore hope to our citizens, said HE the President of the Republic of Burundi.

HE Evariste Ndayishimiye said that on that day, the restoration of peace, security, stability and social cohesion are a reality in Burundi. The only enemy that remains a threat to citizens, in addition to the Covid-19 pandemic which is common to all of us, is poverty. For the latter, HE the President reassured that he is committed, with all citizens to fight against it in order to achieve its objective: the well-being of the Burundian people.

The Burundian Head of State indicated that to achieve this, Burundians have identified a number of priorities that have been included in the roadmap of the National Development Plan of Burundi, PND 2018-2027, an ambitious program and transformer capable of accelerating the process of socio-economic development already underway since 2018.

The President of the Republic continued by indicating that in the context of security management, the International Community would like to highlight the issue of terrorism. On this subject, the President of the Republic assured that it is undeniable that successes have been recorded. However, at the same time, and humbly, we must recognize that we are far from having developed a common, adequate and effective strategy to annihilate this scourge. At the strategic level, it being understood that there is no justification for terrorism, I remain convinced that beyond the necessary military action, the effective fight against terrorism presupposes a fight against radicalization which has as its breeding ground ignorance, poverty, youth unemployment and illiteracy.

The United Nations should take action to fight poverty and take severe sanctions against these groups and all those who support them.

He said he was concerned about the proliferation of terrorism in the sub-region, including officials such as ADF and Red TABARA based in the eastern region of the DRC, who recruit unemployed young people and who blindly kill the peaceful and innocent citizens.

"I remain convinced that these groups pose a threat not only to our region but to all humanity. In this regard, we must join forces to fight terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. And, we believe that this fight must continue with more determination and solidarity. It is in this context that since 2007, my country Burundi has made military and police contingents available to the United Nations and the African Union, to contribute to the restoration and maintenance of security and peace in some

countries that need it, such as Somalia and the Central African Republic (CAR). », Indicated the President of the Republic of Burundi.

Regarding human rights issues, HE Evariste Ndayishimiye pointed out that Burundi firmly believes that human rights must be protected by clear mechanisms of good governance, security and fair justice.

The President of the Republic of Burundi seized the opportunity to ask certain partners, particularly within the United Nations Human Rights Council, to read fairly and responsibly the efforts that Burundi is deploying alongside other Nations and appreciate them for their true worth. He precised that any tendency to single out Burundi by attaching special human rights mechanisms to it is simply counterproductive.

Speaking of socio-economic issues, President Evariste Ndayishimiye said that Burundi, like other countries cannot take a step towards development without resolving issues of health, education, management of particular groups such as children, young people, women and the vulnerable and underprivileged.

On the diplomatic and cooperation level, President Evariste Ndayishimiye indicated that Burundi is committed to normalize and promote its relations of friendship and cooperation with its bilateral and multilateral partners, and to regain its rightful place in the concert of Nations.

Note that on the sidelines of the work of the United Nations General Assembly, the President of the Republic of Burundi, H.E. Évariste Ndayishimiye met various personalities; including the President of the Democratic Republic of Congo H.E. Félix Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo, the President of the Republic of Nigeria H.E. MBuhari; the United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres, the President of Turkey HE Erdogan, the President of the 76<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly, Mr. Abdulla Shahid; the President of the Republic of Angola H.E. João Lourenço; the Belgian Prime Minister HE Alexander De Croo. The President of the Republic spoke with members of the Burundian Diaspora living in the United States.

The President of the Republic HE Evariste Ndayishimiye, accompanied by his spouse and members of his delegation, landed at Melchior Ndadaye International Airport on his return from New York on the evening of Sunday, September 26, 2021. (MFADC)

## Deaths and injuries in grenade attacks in Bujumbura



**T**wo dead and 104 wounded such is the toll of the grenade attacks which were launched by criminals on Monday evening, September 20, 2021 at the former central market of Bujumbura and very close to the market of Jabe.

The Prime Minister CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni made a raid to Prince Régent Charles Hospital to inquire about the situation of the victims of this attack.

CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni specified that if it happened that among these wounded there were some vulnerable, the Ministry in charge of national solidarity would take care of them to accompany them during hospitalization.

The Prime Minister said that among the 104 injured in the grenade attack, 50 were treated quickly and went back their homes, for those who are hospitalized, the Prime Minister CPG Alain Guillaume reassures them and indicates that the Government of Burundi will take care of them for all care.

CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni urges the police and security forces to remain vigilant and to take all necessary measures to ensure public order.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by the Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS, the Minister of National Defense and Senior Executives as well as representatives of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Community Development and Public Security.

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## The Prime Minister receives in audience the Representative of the World Bank in Burundi



**P**rim Minister CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni received in audience on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, the Representative of the World Bank in Burundi Madame Véronique Kabongo. The discussions focused on several points including confirmation of support in socio-economic development. "We hope to commit this

year a total envelope of US \$ 500 million in donations to Burundi in various fields including trade facilitation, digitization, infrastructure and many others," said the Representative of the World Bank Véronique Kabongo. "

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## The National Assembly adopts the law revising the law governing the National Police of Burundi



**T**he National Assembly analyzed, on Tuesday September 21, 2021, the bill revising the organic law Nr 1/03 of February 20, 2017 on the missions, organization, composition and functioning of the National Police of Burundi. The Minister of Home Affairs, Community Development and Public Security was the guest of the National Assembly for the explanatory memorandum.

In his explanatory memorandum, the Minister of Home Affairs, Community Development and Public Security CPC Gervais Ndirakobuca indicated that this organic law included certain omissions, errors of substance and form in the body of the text, confusion in the denomination of certain services having the same equivalence and certain police structures were not located in the appropriate place given their missions. In order to make the National Police of Burundi more operational with well organized services, it is more than necessary to correct all these imperfections for a better restructuring and a good accomplishment of the missions without overlaps and without ambiguities.

Among the innovations, three general police stations were selected, namely the general police station for

internal security, the general police station for the judicial police and the general police station in charge of migration.

Other innovations, the general training commissioner is replaced by training office because its mission is reserved for technical offices, this training office will include training structures and specialized units. In addition, the Institute of Public Security having a particular legal status in the draft organic law has a legal personality and management autonomy and follows a higher education program modeled on other institutes with a university vocation.

At the general police station of the judicial police, the central police station of Interpol has been changed to the Central National Interpol Office of Bujumbura (BCN-INTERPOL BUJUMBURA) in order to harmonize with the practices of East Africa and the structure put in place by the International Criminal Police Organization (ICPO);

Regarding the Special Anti-Corruption Brigade, after the Ministry of Good Governance, the supervisory Ministry, no longer exists, the missions of this brigade will be integrated into the missions of the General Police Station.

After the clarifications and the answers on the questions of the deputies by the Minister of Home Affairs, Community Development and Public Security CPC Gervais Ndirakobuca, followed by the substantive and formal amendments, the honorable deputies of the National Assembly adopted unanimously the draft organic law revising the organic law Nr 1/03 of February 20, 2017 on the missions, organization, composition and functioning of the National Police of Burundi.

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## The Ombudsman presents the new coordinator of the North regional office

**I**n a meeting with the heads of different services in Ngozi province, the Ombudsman presented this Wednesday, September 22, 2021, Mr. Baryakaziri Clément, the new Coordinator of the North regional branch of the Ombudsman institution. During this meeting, the Ombudsman Honorable Edouard Nduwimana reminded administrative officials

and law enforcement officials to remain vigilant, to ensure the maintenance of peace and security because the troublemakers did not still disarm. "This is evidenced by what happened very recently in Bujumbura and Gitega," said Honorable Edouard Nduwimana.

The Ombudsman of Burundi reminded the various

officials that the institution he heads has the mission of listening to and investigating complaints presented by citizens following faults committed against them by the public administration.

He recommended to the new Coordinator of the North regional branch, to closely follow the behavior of the magistrates to check if the desired change after the exchange session of the magistrates with the Head of State has taken place in the justice sector. Honorable Edouard Nduwimana informed the participants that



the institution of the Ombudsman has the prerogatives to investigate the behavior of any magistrate and refer his case to the Superior Council of Magistracy if it turns out that the magistrate is violating the law.

According to the Ombudsman, the coordinator of the regional branch is also called upon to closely monitor the functioning of the community mediation networks set up to establish peace and social cohesion, without forgetting to prevent and resolve conflicts at the community level.

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### Diplomacy at honor, in Malatya; tourism on the agenda



OYE BIKEBAKO was received by Mr. SELA-HATTIN Gurlan, Mayor of the city of Malatya on 9/17/2021. The two authorities discussed the exchange of experiences in the field of culture and art within the framework of the promotion of tourism between this province and Burundi. The Mayor of Malatya promised to consult his cabinet to deepen the discussions and determine the axes of cooperation with Burundi in the field of culture.



Note that Burundi has a significant number of tourist sites and which attracts a lot of visitors. The development of these sites, or even their modernization, should improve the image of Burundi and thus become a source of considerable and useful income for the country. This cooperation comes to be grafted on the good relations already existing between Burundi and Turkey, and which are manifested through various sectors of national life. (MFADC)

**T**he Ambassador of Burundi in Turkey paid a visit to the province of Malatya in Turkey, where he participated in the diplomatic week, organized for the Heads of missions accredited to Ankara on dates from 17 to 19/9/2021 under the theme: "the culture and ancient art of Malatya" On this occasion, Ambassador Gérard NTAHORWAR-

## Presentation of commission letters of the General Consul of Burundi at Laâyoune in Morocco



**O**n February 28, 2020, the Republic of Burundi opened its General Consulate at Laâyoune in Morocco. On January 23, 2021, by reciprocity of the fact that Morocco could not open in turn its resident Diplomatic Mission in Burundi, this General Consulate was closed to be reopened on February 18, 2021 after Morocco decided to open its Embassy in Burundi with residence in Bujumbura. On September 10, 2021, Dr. Bemnjan NDA-GIJIMANA who was appointed by the President of the Republic of Burundi presented the letters of commission appointing him in his function of General Consul of Burundi in Laâyoune, Morocco.

The Republic of Burundi and the Kingdom of Morocco enjoy very good relations of friendship and cooperation. On October 25, 2010, Mr. Taib FASSI FIHRIM, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco, and Mr. Augustin NSANZE, Minister of External Relations and International Cooperation signed in Rabat, the Framework Cooperation Agreement between the Kingdom of Morocco and the Republic of Burundi. The Burundian Government has already proceeded with its ratification.

On March 3, 2008, during the visit to Burundi of the Moroccan Minister of Foreign Trade, Mr. Abdellatif MAZOUZ, Moroccan Government Envoy to the Government of Burundi, the two Sides, Burundian and Moroccan, agreed to continue cooperation in the fields below: scholarships, internships, Morocco-Belgium-Burundi tripartite cooperation in agriculture

and water sector, exchange of observations by both Sides, Moroccan and Burundian, on the Cooperation Agreement Projects: draft Agreement for the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of investments, draft Convention tending to avoid double taxation and to prevent fiscal evasion in tax matters, Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation in the sector of agriculture and 'livestock, draft Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation in

the field of Infrastructure, draft Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation in the Health sector.

As part of strengthening ties of friendship and cooperation between Burundi and the Kingdom of Morocco, Authorities, High Authorities and Parliamentarians respectively visited the two countries. The Government of the Republic of Burundi welcomes the good relations of friendship and cooperation between Morocco and Burundi and hopes that they will be further strengthened. It welcomes, among other things, various supports that the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco grants to the Government of Burundi and the scholarships to Burundian nationals to have their studies or internships in Morocco. The Government of Burundi thanks the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco for having accepted the opening of a resident Diplomatic Representation at Rabat in order to strengthen bilateral relations, in particular to mobilize Moroccan private investors to come and settle in Burundi and participate in the execution of the priority programs and projects of the Strategic Growth Framework and Poverty Fight (CSLP II), of which the sectoral conferences took place in July and October 2013.

As a reminder, the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco will soon open its diplomatic representation with residence in Bujumbura and the processes are underway. Note also that Burundi has a resident Embassy at Rabat, in the Kingdom of Morocco. **(MFADC)**

## Quite near the establishment of the National Public Health Observatory

**T**he Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS organized in Bujumbura on Thursday, September 23, 2021, a presentation, advocacy and orientation workshop on the national public health observatory in Burundi. The activities of this workshop were opened by the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Public Health, Mr. Nzigirabarya Onesphore, in the presence of the Delegate Representative of WHO in Burundi.

On this occasion, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS specified that this workshop will clarify the institutional anchoring of the National Public Health Observatory (ONSP), define the roles of partners in its establishment and to develop a roadmap leading to the creation and operation of this observatory. He added that the creation of the National Public Health Observatory in Burundi is part of the dynamic of promoting collaboration in the sharing of data and information with a view to filling the knowledge gap in the area of health.

For the Director General of the National Institute of Public Health, Mr. Joseph Nyandwi, in addition to his role of one-stop shop, validated information from different national data sources, the national health observatory has a major role in play in monitoring national programs and international agendas.

According to Mr. Joseph Nyandwi, knowledge produced at the national and sub-national level, interactions with non-health actors through the synthesis and sharing of knowledge, transparency and consensus will reduce frag-



mentation and duplication of efforts and help reduce inequalities.

The WHO Representative in Burundi, Mr. Yao Kuadio Théodore, for his part, indicated that the National Public Health Observatory in Burundi is a one-stop-shop whose role is to collect, centralize evidence, epidemiological surveillance and health trends necessary for effective health decision making.

Mr. Yao Kuadio Théodore took this opportunity to reaffirm the readiness of the World Health Organization to work, in collaboration with other technical and financial partners to support Burundi in the process of full operationalization of the National Health Observatory. Public.

Regarding future prospects, the steering team plans to formalize the institutional anchoring and governance of the National Public Health Observatory, mobilize resources from the Government and partners for the effective implementation of this observatory as well as the establishment of a framework for collaboration with the main data producers.

It should be noted that the setting up of the Public Health Observatory in Burundi follows the recommendations of the 62nd regional committee of health ministers held in Luanda in 2012, relating to the establishment of national health observatories in the countries of the African region. For two years, Burundi has been setting up this Public Health Observatory. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## Public Prosecutor's Office opens investigation file on recent grenade attacks



**T**he Prosecutor General of the Republic, Mr. Sylvestre Nyandwi, made public on Wednesday September 22, 2021, a press release relating to the recent attacks perpetrated in

Bujumbura City Hall, at Melchior Ndadaye International Airport and in the capital of Gitega province. The Public Prosecutor's Office condemned these criminal acts with its utmost energy and offered its sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

The prosecution has informed national and international opinion that international arrest warrants have been issued against the alleged sponsors of previous attacks in different parts of the country for arrests and extradition for trial.

Regarding the criminal acts committed since the evening of September 20, 2021, the Public Prosecutor's Office has opened a file RMPG873 / C.I / GB and investigations are underway.

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