



Correcting mistakes of the past to restore hope to the people



On thursday july 28, 2022, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE opened a 2-day retreat of the Superior Council of the Judiciary held in Burasira in Ruhororo commune of Ngozi province. He said that this retreat is an opportunity to study the issues that plague the justice sector in order to restore the rule of law and restore hope to the population. The President of the Republic suggested that issues related to justice result from bad judgments made in the past because of the crisis that the country has gone through. He said that a salutary step has been taken

since the establishment of the Arusha Accords and that it is time for Burundi to guarantee fair and impartial judgments.

"I invite you to express yourselves in all frankness so that we can correct the errors of the past", said the Head of State to the members of the Superior Council of the judiciary before adding

that this step of the Government of Burundi aims to revalorize Burundian Justice and restore the faith of citizens in the judicial authorities thanks to fair trials.

The Superior Council of the Judiciary set up on November 18, 2021 has already received 300 files, including more than 100 closed, revealed Mr. Gérald NGENDABANKA, Permanent Secretary of the Superior Council of the Judiciary, who took this opportunity to inform the Number A Burundian on the challenges that this institution faces and which hinder its proper functioning. www.presidence.bi

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Ngozi: the CNDD-FDD party organizes a prayer of thanksgiving



On Thursday July 28, 2022, the President of the Republic Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE joined members of the CNDD-FDD party of Ngozi in the ecumenical prayer of thanksgiving organized by this Party every last Thursday of the month.

The theme chosen is: "Members of the CNDD-FDD Party, be careful not to forget what the Lord has done to us in the past. (Deuteronomy 8:11-20).

Based on this theme, the Head of State Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE testified about his past in the maquis. "During the struggle, God remained by our side. It is time to give thanks to God, he who guided us throughout the battlefield" indicated President NDAYISHIMIYE.

President Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE called on Burundians to keep faith in God who saved the people from the conflicts that lasted several decades. "Remember, all Burundians have

been victims of the repetitive crises that have shaken Burundi, underlined President NDAYISHIMIYE.

Regarding the challenges facing the country, the Head of State urged Burundians not to complain but to roll up their sleeves to work in order to increase production in different sectors of national life.

According to the Head of State, God remains at the side of the brave, the workers, he does not like the lazy.

As for the preacher of the day, Pastor Emile NDIKUMANA stressed that the past informs us and prepares us to face the challenges. He who always thinks about his past, plans his future, never betrays his companions, give thanks to God. In addition, he is satisfied with the property he owns, underlined Pastor Emile NDIKUMANA. www.rtnb.bi

The President of the Republic opens the 60th Edition of the Diaspora week



On Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at the "Hôtel des Plateaux" in Ngozi, the President of the Republic of Burundi HE Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE opened the 60th Edition of the Diaspora week. This week is organized each year by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation. The chosen theme is: "Burundian Diaspora, together for agricultural development and environmental protection".

In his speech, the President of the Republic of Burundi HE Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE said that this 6th edition of the Diaspora week is held at a time when Burundi has made significant progress in the concert of Nations in recent times. He cited in particular, the election of Burundi at the head of the East African Community, Burundi became a member of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union. Burundi is also a member of the General Assembly of United Nations in New York where it holds the vice-presidency, underlined the Head of State.

The Head of State praised the contribution of members of the diaspora in various sectors including the multiplication of seeds and breeding centers for animals, the promotion of mushroom farming, the construction of hospitals, the support of public institutions through the preparation of documents by Burundian experts living abroad, etc.

Based on the theme of the 6th Edition of the week dedicated to the Diaspora, the Head of State invited Burundians to safeguard the environment by replacing eucalyptus with trees that protect water sources, in large part, he cited bamboos, shade trees, etc.



Addressing the member of the Diaspora, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation HE Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO thanked in general those who responded to the activities of the Diaspora Week.

His Excellence Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO said that the laborious state has put in place an economic diplomacy based on pillars: encouraging foreign investors in Burundi, improving economic exchanges with other countries, adapting the technology transfer system, improving the tourism sector and undertake major projects based on the National Development Program (PND) 2018-2027. He then indicated that during this week, the members of the Diaspora had the opportunity to visit Burundi in order to see in which sectors the country needs their contribution in its development. He added that since 2014, during Diaspora Week, 1st edition, until today many Diaspora projects in various sectors have been carried out. On the Government side, many things have also been done to facilitate the Diaspora to undertake development projects. He then wished them a good stay in Burundi.

As for the Representative of the Diaspora Mr. Eric NIRAGIRA, he announced that during the ordinary meeting of the members of the Diaspora, the latter put in place the rules of procedure governing them. In addition, he indicated that the members of the diaspora adopted, during the ordinary meeting of the members of the diaspora, the establishment of a bank for the Burundian diaspora in the best time limit. The members of the diaspora have also agreed to restore the image of Burundi in the countries where they are, underlined Eric NIRAGIRA.

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The Burundian Diaspora is called to contribute to the Development of their homeland



The second day of the Diaspora week was marked exclusively by the moralization session of HE Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE President of the Republic of Burundi.

During this session, the President of the Republic returned to the history of Burundi by highlighting a few cases of corruption, criminality and mismanagement of public affairs. The President of the Republic HE Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE indicated that all Burundians should deplore this dark past which has harmed the daughters and sons of the Nation for years to be reborn and make a new start. HE Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE deplored the behavior of some leaders who, through their poor governance, have hampered the development of the country. He

said that Burundi needs competent people capable of managing public affairs as a good father. He thus called on all Burundians to mobilize to fight together against the enemy of the country. The Head of State called on members of the diaspora to bless and praise the property of their country in order to promote the tourism sector.

The President of the Republic of Burundi invited the Burundian Diaspora to

initiate and finance a large-scale project that would symbolize its contribution to the development of their country.

The last day of the Diaspora week was marked by various presentations of the institutions which intervene directly or indirectly in the sector of agriculture and the protection of the environment.

The Diaspora week ended with the reading of the conclusions and recommendations from the 6th edition of the Diaspora week in Ngozi where in general these recommendations aim to improve the conditions for the participation of the Burundian Diaspora in the development of the Country.

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Vice-President Porosper BAZOMBANZA returned after a mission from Kinshasa



On Friday July 27, 2022, the Vice-President of the Republic HE Ir Prosper BAZOMBANZA arrived at Melchior NDANDAYE International Airport on his return from Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of Congo to participate in the 21st ordinary session of the Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) at the invitation of the Congolese President and current President of the said Community, Felix Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo.

The Vice-President of the Republic HE Ir Prosper BAZOMBANZA indicated that all the Heads of State and Government were all unanimous that at the security level concerning the strengthening of peace, the way of arms must be prohibited and that Consequently, the only path to be favored is the path of dialogue to settle any dispute that may arise between states or communities, with the facilitation of African mediators or elsewhere.

The Vice-President BAZOMBANZA specified that the Heads of State and Government have noted that road infrastructure construction projects (roads, railways) are more than urgent, and that it is therefore high time to seek partners to support these projects without forgetting that each member country must pull itself together in order to regularly honor its commitments to the Community. And to add that follow-

ing the resurgence of the COVID-19 pandemic, the participants advised the populations of the Economic Community of Central African States to continue to observe the barrier measures, as recommended by the ministries responsible for health in the Member States of the Community, and above all that prevention has already shown itself to be very promising.

The Vice-President of the Republic also specified

that the Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) were delighted to hear that the Head of State of Burundi, General Major Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE was elected President of the East African Community (EAC) and took the opportunity to send him warm congratulations and wish him every success in his new role.

The Vice-President of the Republic HE Ir Prosper BAZOMBANZA finally reported that the Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of Central African States have validated the recruitment of certain executives of the Community.

"We have validated the ongoing recruitment of certain executives of the Economic Community of Central African States, including a manager called central accountant (of Central African origin), a manager who will be central financial controller (of Gabonese origin) and an internal auditor, (of Burundian origin by the name of Festus Ndikumana) and we have instructed the secretariat of the commission to finalize this recruitment as soon as possible so that these personalities can begin their tasks as soon as possible", he added. He says.

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Celebration of the week dedicated to insurance, 1st edition



The ARCA Insurance Regulation and Control Agency, insurance companies and insurance brokerage companies are organizing the week dedicated to insurance, 1st edition. The activities were taking place in Bujumbura, from July 28 to July 31, 2022, under the theme "The socio-economic role of insurance."

"I would like to remind insurers that the promotion of the insurance sector necessarily involves compliance with insurance regulations. Above all, I encourage them to respect the provisions relating to solvency, to the payment of claims within the legal deadlines, not only to avoid exposing themselves to sanctions but also and above all to improve the

financial health of companies. We must not forget that the payment of claims on time will also positively influence the image that the population has of insurers and build trust between insurers and insured" These are the words of Prime Minister CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni at the opening of the week dedicated to insurance.

For the Prime Minister CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni, the objective of the week dedicated to insurance is a good opportunity to approach the insurance companies of the general public thus, the various activities will allow the insurers to make known their profession and the products they sell in a way that changes people's perception of insurance. He also specified that the perception of insurance depends on the quality of services provided by insurers. www.rtnb.bi

Mwaro: Ombudsman promises to transmit the concerns of the population to the competent authorities



On thursday july 29, 2022, as part of the public hearings to collect the concerns of the population organized by the Ombudsman of Burundi Mr. Edouard NDUWIMANA continued his activities in Rusaka Commune in Mwaro Province in the company of the 1st Vice-President of the Senate and the deputies and senators elected in the constituency of Mwaro.

The Ombudsman Mr. Edouard NDUWIMANA said that these public hearings aim to collect the concerns of the population in accordance with the constitution of Burundi in order to support the project of the Head of State Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE which consists in strengthening democracy, good governance and the rule of law.

Concerns expressed by the people of Rusaka were related to courts making unfair decisions in land cases and judges executing

judgments rendered incorrectly by higher courts.

Responding to the concerns expressed, the Ombudsman recommends to the Governor of Mwaro and the members of the communal councilors to get involved in the resolution of certain problems which do not require the involvement of high authorities.

Concerning the concerns expressed with regard to judicial officers, the Ombudsman recommends that they pull themselves together, stop taking unjust decisions, and do justice to litigants before the reports are not sent to higher authorities. The Ombudsman Mr. Edouard NDUWIMANA promised the population of Rusaka that their concerns will be transmitted to the competent authorities for follow-up, study and successful completion.

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Gitega: the Ministry of Public Health announces the start of a major campaign




On wednesday july 27, 2022, the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS in collaboration with its development partners is organizing in Gitega province, an advocacy and national mobilization meeting for the mass distribution campaign of mosquito nets, 2022 edition.

The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry in charge of Public Health Jean Baptiste NZORIRONKANKUZE who led the meeting announced that the mass distribution campaign of mosquito nets, 2022 edition, is scheduled from september 05 to 18, 2022 in 16 provinces of the country except the provinces of Ngozi and Muyinga. More than 6 million mosquito nets will be distrib-

uted, added the permanent secretary. According to him, malaria is the main disease that threatens the population in Burundi. And that is why the Government of Burundi has put among its priorities, the health sector so that the population has good health and goes about its development activities to have a good production.

The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health and the Fight against AIDS indicated that the campaign for the mass distribution of mosquito nets will cost around 45 billion Burundian francs. He called on all stakeholders in this campaign to complete success because its cost is high. www.rtnb.bi

Celebrating International Day against Trafficking in Persons

 On July 28, 2022, a roundtable on Human Trafficking was held as part of the celebration of the International Day against Trafficking in Persons, celebrated on July 30 every year. The year's theme is "Use and Abuse of Technology". In these activities, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation was represented by the Director General in charge of Multilateral Relations Ambassador Isaïe Kubwayo.

In his speech, Ambassador Isaïe Kubwayo indicated that the international day for the fight against human trafficking reminds us of the exact extent of human trafficking and encourages everyone, as citizens of the world, to take responsibility for formulating the necessary policies to prevent this scourge but also to save the victims.

Ambassador Isaïe Kubwayo reminded that the use of technology is also a great opportunity for the eradication of human trafficking. Thus, prevention and awareness-raising activities on the safe use of the internet and social media could contribute to mitigating the risk of becoming a victim of online trafficking. He also noted that users of the law can leverage technology when investigating human trafficking or prosecuting digital evidence.

On the World Day against Human Trafficking, Ambassador Isaïe said that participants should come together to formulate necessary strategies to eradicate this crime against humanity, including the regular monitoring of all social media users in order to track down anyone who uses these means to practice this crime.

It is within this framework that the Government of Burundi has, since the end of 2021, chosen the path of negotiations of bilateral agreements with certain countries of destination of Burundian migrant workers, and has already signed, on October 3, 2021, two Agreements with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He also indicated that the negotiations are continuing with other Gulf countries, notably the Oman, the United Arab Emirates and the Qatar.

In the same vein of finding all possible means to combat human trafficking, Ambassador Isaïe said that the Government of Burundi has set up, since January 2022, a Consultation and Monitoring Commission on the prevention and repression of human trafficking, composed of executives from the various institutions concerned with the fight against human trafficking, among others the Ministry having Foreign Affairs in his attributions, the Ministry in charge of public security, the Ministry in charge of justice and the Ministry having labor and employment in its attributions.

As for the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System in Burundi, Mr. Damien MAMA, the fight against human trafficking requires a global response to achieve lasting results. Any intervention strategy is based on three main axes: protection, prevention and prosecution of perpetrators of human trafficking.

It is therefore essential to build national authorities capable of adopting and implementing preventive measures and protection mechanisms, as well as ensuring the prosecution of the perpetrators of this crime.

It should be noted that the participants shared the same understanding that the problem of human trafficking is for the whole world and that we must combine efforts to combat it in order to eradicate it.

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Ngozi: the “Foundation Bonne Action Umugiraneza” encourages the charitable works of orphanages



On

thursday july 28, 2022, the

“Fondation Bonne Action

Umugiraneza” paid a visit to the Good Samaritan orphanage in Buye, Mwumba commune of Ngozi province.

As the Coordinator within this Aimable SINDAYIKENGERA Foundation pointed out, the objective of this visit was to implement the promise of the First Lady of the country Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE who is also the President of the “Foundation Bonne Action Umugiraneza” during her last visit to this orphanage where she had promised to send aid to the orphan children

who are housed there.

The First Lady of the country then sent aid consisting of 150 cartons of milk commonly called lait France, 375 kg of porridge flour for small infants and 70 cartons of juice. This living aid has a value of 42,300,000 BIF

The Coordinator of the Umugiraneza Good Action Foundation Aimable SINDAYIKENGERA sent by the Prime Lady of the country, indicated that among the missions of this Foundation is also the mission to help vulnerable people such as the elderly, living with disabilities and orphan children. .

The Good Action Umugiraneza Foundation also supports the Government in its development projects such as in the education, health and environment sectors, added the Coordinator.

The Good Samaritan orphanage of the Buntu de Buye Foundation houses 79 orphan children from different provinces of the country. www.rtnb.bi

Gitega: 43 street children reintegrated into their respective families



On monday july 25, 2022, the Governor of the province of Gitega Mr. Venant MANIRAMBONA in the company of organizations that intervene in the defense of children's rights launched activities for the reintegration of street children into their respective families. The reintegration concerns 43 children who were in the supervision and reintegration center for street children in Gitega.

The Governor of Gitega indicated that the reintegration project for street children is carried out at the initiative of the province and coincides with the program of the Burundian Government to eradicate begging in the country. In this cen-

ter, children have been trained in different trades that will help them to live with their families, he continued.

Mr. Venant MANIRAMBONA urged these children to show good behavior in their host families. He also called on them to avoid any situation that would force them to return to the streets because the Government has taken all necessary measures to eradicate this kind of behavior, said the governor.

The representatives of these organizations including IRC and SOJEPAE who contributed to the success of this project, reiterated their commitment to support these children in their projects to their respective families. These children each received a reintegration kit consisting of 10 kg of beans, 10 kg of rice, 10 kg of palm oil and clothes. A revolving fund of 200,000 Burundian francs is provided for each child wishing to carry out an income-generating project.

These children said that the training acquired will be of great use to them in the various projects they intend to initiate. www.rtnb.bi

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