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On Friday January 5, 2024, the President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye inaugurated a new television called Television Buntu, Voice of Orphans and Widows, broadcasting from Buye, in Mwumba commune of Ngozi province, on satellite channel 801 of Startimes and 108 frequency on the terrestrial channel.

The President of the Republic of Bu-

rundi first gave a guided tour of the infrastructure housing the new television and hosted live the set prepared for that purpose, by the journalists and technicians from the house.

Among the questions he answered were his assessment of the establishment of television within the country, his expectations regarding the latter, etc. He effectively responded to the latter, while reminding the essential role of the journalist to inform, edu-

cate, and entertain while respecting ethics and professional conduct.

The Burundian Number One appreciated the editorial line of that television which comes at the right time to support the initiatives of deprived people with the aim of giving them hope. According to him, the biblical story of the widows Naomi and Ruth should serve as a reference for them.

"I congratulate the Buntu Foundation for the major project executed and which responds to Vision 2040-2060 because the area of communication constitutes one of the pillars of the Vision. I recommend that the population take the inspiration from the media and elders in development," said the Head of State, noting that the television will constitute a kind of school where the leaders will learn and contribute enormously to the citizens' life. (Presidency)

Assessment of the achievements of the CNDD-FDD party during the year 2023



On Tuesday January 2, 2024, the Secretary General of the CNDD-FDD party, Mr. Révéren Ndikuriyo hosted a press conference to communicate the results of the said party's achievements over the past year and the projects planned for the year 2024.

Mr. Ndikuriyo specified that the past year was marked by many activities. He cited the raids carried out in the different areas of the country with the aim of discussing with the members of the CNDD-FDD party the importance of consolidating peace and security.

During those raids, the members of that party were encouraged in development by working together in cooperatives. And to add that the young Imbonerakure were trained about the patriotism and social cohesion.

For supporting the vision of the President of the Republic of Burundi of an emerging country in 2040 and developed in 2060, the Secretary General of the ruling party indicated that the party trained, during the year 2023, 80 thousand young Imbonerakure in developing and loving the country, while explaining to them that they will be the leaders of 2040 and 2060.



Mr. Ndikuriyo also underlined that the members of the CNDD-FDD party have planted 31 million trees in nurseries which will be planted throughout the country in the year 2024. Among those trees are avocado trees and eucalyptus trees. That reforestation activity, once carried out, will help in reducing the erosion in order to provide a good climate.

Regarding the prospects for the current year, the Secretary General of the CNDD-FDD party reminded that the party had developed a project entitled "Turerere uburundi neza", with the objective of teaching the children of Burundi the songs that make them love the country. That project will also help all the stakeholders in discussing the procedures that can improve the teaching conditions in the basic and post-basic schools. He indicated that the distribution of books to those schools and the construction of basic and post-basic schools in all the localities of the country will help the students to study in good conditions.

In the area of health, he specified that they will raise awareness among all the stakeholders in order to practice hygiene throughout the country, especially in the

hospitals, with a view to reducing the diseases caused by the dirty hands.

Speaking about the economy, Mr. Ndikuriyo invited the Burundian population to grow tea, coffee, cotton and avocado, noting that those products will help in earning the foreign currency in the country and reducing poverty.

According to him, the avocados are very profitable and they are popular in the international market.

During the questions, the journalists wanted to know what the ruling party plans to restore the good relations between Burundi and Rwanda. The Secretary General of the ruling party responded that there had been the talks, even if things were still being observed that threatened the security. He promised

that the CNDD-FDD party will continue dialogue with the ruling party of the Republic of Rwanda to resolve this problem.

To manage with the high cost of living observed in Burundi, Mr. Ndikuriyo called on the entire population, especially the civil servants, not to keep their salary alone, but to support the work with other income-generating activities, particularly agriculture and breeding. This will increase agricultural production and avoid going to the market all the time, and will allow you to have money alongside your salary.

The General Secretary of the CNDD-FDD party also condemned the deadly attack which claimed the lives of the civilians in Gatumba. He called on the entire Burundian population to keep peace and security so that they generally reign throughout the country. (ABP)

The ANAKA Association provides desks to the Mirango 1 Basic School of Bujumbura Town Hall



On Wednesday January 3, 2024, the Association of Kamenge Natives (ANAKA), in partnership with Kazoza FM radio, handed over to the Mirango Fundamental School 1 commonly called Ku bafaransa, Kamenge zone in Ntahangwa commune of the Bujumbura Town, 350 desks.

The president of the said association, Mr. Serges Nsabimana, said that after noting the glaring lack of desks at that school, to the extent that some students learn while sitting on the floor, ANAKA thought to give its contribution to the learning conditions of the students are improved. According to him, the Head of State's Vision of a Burundi emerg-



ing in 2040 and developed in 2060 is not possible without the quality education.

To achieve that, the association, via broadcasts on Kazoza FM radio, runs the awareness campaign called "There is no future without education (Nta kazoza ata shure)", to have the partners who can sponsor that work of looking for the desk benches. That is how the 350 desks that the school needed were totaled. He thanked the various partners who responded to the call, while inviting them to always support that school for other needs. He invited the managers and the students of the Mirango 1 Basic School to make good use of them, explaining that those benches will be used for the future generations.

The Director of that school, Mrs. Domaides Nduwimana, expressed her thanks to the ANAKA association for that donation. She also addressed other challenges that haunt that school, including the insufficiency of latrines. The school has 20 latrines for more than 4,000 students, she said. She also mentioned the insufficiency of French books, especially for 5th, 6th, 8th and 9th grade classes. The absence of a library and a computer room for practical work in ICT courses was also raised. To that end, Ms. Nduwimana asked the partners working in the education sector to always be at their side.

The Mayor of the city of Bujumbura, Mr. Jimmy Hatungimana, after wishing the best wishes for the New Year 2024 to the participants in that ceremony, specified that the problems which manifest themselves at the Mirango 1 Basic School are also noted in other educational establishments of Bujumbura Town. He recommended to the Provincial Director of Education in Bujumbura Town Hall to inventory the needs of each school to see how to remedy them. As the Mirango 1 Fundamental School has a high enrollment, he proposed that this school be built in height so that space could be saved for the classrooms because this school is of great importance because it even receives stu-

dents from the peripheral districts of Bujumbura Town. He urged the Burundian Diaspora, businesses and other partners to invest in the education sector in order to prepare a better future for the country. Bujumbura City Hall schools are also called upon to tackle the agricultural and rabbit breeding projects and others for their self-development, said Mr. Hatungimana.

For his part, the Assistant to the Minister in charge of Education, Mr. Hermenegilde Burikukiye, also welcomed that initiative. He specified that the Government of Burundi is very concerned about the issues related to the education. According to him, there is a program from the Ministry of Education and its partners aimed at distributing educational materials in schools which is currently being implemented. He also mentioned another decentralized program at the municipal level where there are the contracts awarded for the manufacture of the desk benches. He asked the administrators of the Ntakangwa commune to closely monitor the execution of those markets. He advised the Burundian population to take the matters related to the education into their own hands, everyone contributing what they can, indicating that "Together, everything is possible". He insisted on the proper use of the school equipment for the promotion of quality education. **(ABP)**

Seizure of 11 types of drinks in the town of Kayanza



On Tuesday January 2, 2024, eleven types of drinks were seized in the town of Kayanza (north) during a search carried out by police from the Kayanza communal police station.

That concerns the drinks packaged in bottles of less than 750 ml and whose alcohol content exceeds 16%, as well as the expired drinks.

During that operation of withdrawal of the drinks packaged in bottles whose capacity is less than 750 ml and

whose alcohol content exceeds 16%, in accordance with the measure which came into force since January 1, 2024, the police Kayanza municipal police station seized alcoholic drinks in the following quantities: 70 bottles of drink called Safari Warage, 84 bottles of Safari Whiskey, 309 bottles of Karibu, 13 bottles of drinks called Kick, 6 bottles of Vodka type drinks, 84 bottles of drinks called Super Rafiki, 4 bottles of Polo, 6 bottles of Whiskey cocktail type drinks as well as 5 bottles of Jambo liquor.

During the same operation, the police also seized the drinks whose expiration date had already expired. Those are 42 bottles of a Belgian drink called Ieffe and 11 bottles of so-called original Coca Cola.

The Communal Police Commissioner in Kayanza, Police Colonel Emmanuel Ntakarutimana, indicates that that operation was carried out with the aim of implementing the measure relating to the management of drinks with an alcohol content exceeding 16% recently taken by the Ministry of Interior, Community Development and Public



Safety.
The police will continue that type of raid even in other localities of the Kayanza

commune, confirmed police colonel Ntakarutimanana, while inviting all the holders of the drinks packaged in the bottles of less than 750 ml while their alcohol content exceeds 16% to get rid of them before searches are carried out in every corner. **(ABP)**

The low level of success in the national exams and competitions on the menu of the meeting of the stakeholders in the educational field of the Kayanza commune



In his opening speech to the meeting, the Provincial Director of Education in Kayanza, Mr. Désiré Hatungimana, returned to the main causes of the low level of success in national exams and competitions. He said that the insubordination of the school hierarchy and the excessive number of cases of the school dropouts. Mr. Hatungimana thus clarified that all that has a negative impact on academic performance at the level of the Kayanza province itself due to the fact that the Kayanza commune



has a large number of the students compared to other communes in the same province. He indicated that the Kayanza commune has already recorded 595 cases of the school dropouts during the first quarter of the current school year, to which are added 8 cases of the girls who suffered the gender-based violence during that same period.

To do that, the Provincial Director of Education invited the participants in the meeting in order to combine more efforts

On Tuesday January 2, 2024, the Provincial Director of Education in Kayanza, Mr. Désiré Hatungimana, in collaboration with the Communal Administrator of Kayanza, brought together all the education stakeholders operating in Kayanza commune (northern Burundi) to discuss about the strategies for improving the academic performance in national exams and competitions.

to get out of that situation in order to allow the school province of Kayanza to win the places of choice in national exams and competitions. **(ABP)**

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