



**President Ndayishimiye recommends the sustainability of the National Unity**



The Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye enhanced with his presence the ceremonies of the celebration of the 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the Charter of National Unity in the province of Gitega where he called on the Burundian population to guard jealously and to perpetuate the legacy of National Unity.

Those ceremonies which began with the meditation and laying of wreaths at the monument of the National Unity continued at the Ingoma Stadium where the population of the 4 provinces constituting the new province of

Gitega had gathered, the Representatives of the body diplomatic accredited to Burundi as well as several dignitaries from the country.

Abounding in the meaning of the theme chosen for that year "In our solidarity, let us build our country", the President of the Republic of Burundi in his speech invited the Burundians in full solidarity to walk following their ancestors to build their country, reminding that the National Unity is a heritage that must be jealously guarded and perpetuated.

He returned to the fratricidal war which left the Burundians in mourning for several years and deplored that

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that conflict had its origins in the divisionist leadership who characterized certain former Burundian leaders and the settlers. "May that Unity Day encourage us to support the power which highlights the primacy of the law because as the Hero of Independence, Prince Louis Rwagasore, said, without the good governance, there is neither peace, nor dignity," insisted the Burundian Number One, seizing that opportunity to call on the leaders to promote the values of the unity, the justice, the democracy and the good governance. Ad-

ressing to the population, President Evariste Ndayishimiye stressed that the charter of the National Unity is an inviolable pact which binds all the Burundians without exception. He thus called for banning all the divisionist ideology to instead the strengthen solidarity, the social cohesion and the reconciliation: "The Charter of the National Unity is an irrevocable and inviolable pact, there may be consequences for anyone who goes against it. May no Burundian again commit a discriminatory act against his compatriot," he advised. **(Presidency)**

### The assessment of the socio-security situation throughout the meeting of the Burundian Head of State with the responsible for the quadrilogy



**O**n Friday February 9, 2024, the President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye met behind closed doors in Kirundo with the responsible for the quadrilogy (administration, justice, defense and security) in order to analyze and evaluate together the socio-security situation which prevails in the country. The reports which have been submitted to the Highest Authority show that the socio-security situation throughout the country is generally good although there are some isolated cases of disturbances of the public order related in particular to theft and destruction of fields, revealed Ms. Rosine Gatoni, the Spokesperson for the President

of the Republic in an interview with the press. "His Excellency the Head of State asked them to strengthen the synergy and double their effort so that the citizens can live in peace; "establish discipline and restore order where disorder has set in," she continued. A positive assessment also stands out in the justice sector where the cases of injustice have significantly decreased since taking over of judicial issues by the Highest Authority, the Spokesperson suggested. In the economic field, an important step has also been taken, as evidenced by the tax revenues which have increased thanks to the fierce fight against fraud, tax evasion and other related offenses. The Burundian Number One thus congratulated those various officials and encouraged them to further promote the good governance and prioritize the interests of the population and the country before their own. The President of the Republic recommended them to be vigilant so as not to be distracted by social networks and other forms of distraction but rather to supervise and mobilize the population around development to work in order to let Burundi to achieve its vision of the country Emerging in 2040 and Developed in 2060. **(Presidency)**

### President Ndayishimiye brings together the Governors at Kirundo to decide on the strategies for improving the lives of the population

On Thursday February 8, 2024, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye brought together, in a retreat held at Gite Presidential in Kirundo, the Governors of the provinces in order to analyze the ways and means of promoting the development of the population with the objective of achieving the Vision of Emerging Burundi in 2040 and Developed in 2060. In his opening speech, the President of the Republic deplores that the colonization has established a culture of dependence on the outside which prevents the citizens from working regularly in order to embrace the tertiary sector which

generates a large part of the gross domestic product (GDP) and stimulates the economic growth of the country. "We are working to raise the awareness and to change the mentalities. But that is possible when there is a good shepherd," said the Burundian Number One, insisting on the essential role of the provincial Governors as the parents and the shepherds in the guidance and the supervision of the population. "That is the time of pulling ourselves together and then identify and see how to overcome the obstacles that are holding back our development," underlined President Ndayishimiye



who remains optimistic about achieving the Vision of Emerging Burundi in 2040 and Developed in 2060 is very possible if all the Burundians working in synergy in order to increase the production. He thus invited those administrators to present during that session the real situation of the localities for which they are responsible for an exchange of experiences in order to find the possible solutions that could improve the lives of the citizens and contribute to the development of the country. **(Presidency)**

### The Head of State encourages the development of the common development project for the country's former provinces

**O**n Monday February 5, 2024, the President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye met the natives of the 4 provinces (Mwaro, Gitega, Karusi and Muramvya) constituting the new enlarged province of Gitega in order to exchange and set a new year in the objective of contributing to the achievement of the Vision of Emerging Burundi in 2040 and Developed in 2060. That meeting, which was held as part of an exchange of the wishes with the inhabitants of his native province, was not only an opportunity to inform him about the projects underway respectively in each of those former provinces but also to present their grievances to him for the successful implementation of those projects. "You must think about initiating a common project which brings together all the 4 former provinces. Now that the province has expanded with the new configuration, you have a lot of development potential," the Head of State pointed out to them in reference to the ongoing Railway Project which will pass through Gitega and the construction of an Airport in that same province called the political capital of the country. The Burundian Number One was delighted that the citizens of the Province of Gitega living



abroad are invested in the development of their localities through the generating and original projects but whose implementation requires the support of the authority as they indicated it. "If you want to achieve the progress, you must not rely only on the diplomas but rather the favor performance," he pointed out after having given them the guidelines particularly linked to the promotion of the cooperatives for increasing the production. **(Presidency)**

### Let's build Burundi in solidarity

**O**n Monday February 5, 2024, the President of the National Assembly of Burundi enhanced with his presence the ceremonies marking the 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Charter of the National Unity which took place in Bujumbura Town hall under the theme "Twubake Uburundi tugize urunani " or "let's build Burundi in solidarity".

The President of the National Assembly Right Honorable Gélase Daniel Ndabirabe delivered the speech for the occasion on behalf of His Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi. It is important to emphasize that it is incredible to modify that Charter of the National Unity and even to call into the question only one report of it. That is what the President of the



National Assembly affirmed during the speech for the occasion. Those ceremonies also saw the participation of the Mayor of Bujumbura, the Governors of the provinces of Cibitoke, Bujumbura and Bubanza following the new administrative restructuring of the province of



Bujumbura. To achieve a reassuring destiny of an Emerging country in 2040 and Developed in 2060, the unity of the Burundians is a foundation on which we must straight the walls of that vision. **(National Assembly)**

### The President of the Senate enhances with his presence the commemoration ceremonies of the 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Charter of National Unity in the future province of Butanyerera



**O**n Monday February 5, 2024, the President of the Senate, Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera, accompanied by his wife, enhanced with his presence the ceremonies commemorating the 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Charter of the National Unity in the future Province of Butanyerera, in Muremera stadium in the capital of Ngozi Province. The ceremonies began with a Mass at the Immaculate



Heart of Mary Catholic Parish. After the Mass, the wreaths of the flowers were placed at the National Unity monument by the various authorities.

Addressing to the population, the President of the Senate presented in full the appropriate message from the President of the Republic of Burundi and provided the advice aimed at preserving the unity of the Burundians. Right Honorable Sinzohagera also called on them to work in cohesion in order to better develop their province.

Some parliamentarians, the Minister of the Home Affairs, the Public Security and the Community Development as well as the Minister of National Defense and Veterans Affairs, and the administrative officials from the provinces of Ngozi, Kayanza and Kirundo also responded to those ceremonies. **(Senate)**

### The Senate adopts a bill for reorganizing the electricity sector

**B**urundi will achieve a rate of 70% electricity coverage in 2040 and a rate of 100% by 2060. That declaration was made on Wednesday February 7, 2024 by the Minister of Hydraulics, Energy and Mines, Mr. Ibrahim Uwizeye, when he anticipated, in plenary session in the Senate, a bill amending Law No. 1/13 of April 23, 2015 reorganizing

the electricity sector in Burundi. According to the Minister, this bill aims to promote the liberalization of the electricity sector by allowing the private sector to invest in the distribution and marketing network of electricity. Mr. Ibrahim Uwizeye added that this bill also aims to integrate the promotion of renewable energies. Asked by the Senators why the bill focuses only on the distribution when



even the production is not sufficient, the Minister in charge of energy indicated that the current production, even if it is not sufficient, is not sufficient, it is also not completely distributed because of the outdated and insufficient network. The Minister specified that the work in progress on the various dams under the construction will make it possible to provide the necessary electricity to all households and to the transformation units which express the need. Before the Senators gathered in plenary, the Minis-

ter in charge of energy reassures that there will no longer be any slowness in the distribution of the meters due to the fact that each distribution project carried out by a public or private legal entity will be obliged to integrate a sufficient number of meters meeting the needs of beneficiaries

After the discussions and the debates, the bill reorganizing the electricity sector in Burundi was unanimously adopted by the Senators. **(RTNB)**

**The Embassy of Burundi in the United States organizes an exchange event with the businessmen**



**O**n Saturday February 3, 2024, the Ambassador of Burundi to the United States, His Excellency Mr. Jean Bosco Barege joined with the Burundian businessmen organized an event under the theme "Burundi, the Oasis of Africa of the East", in Washington DC. That event was prepared for involving the Burundi's partners living abroad (in Washington DC) to collaborate and explore the opportunities for the mutual growth and prosperity. It is reminded that that event took place



on the sidelines of the 72<sup>nd</sup> National Prayer Breakfast, an opportunity for the members of the Government to pray for their country, the President of the United States (whatever his party, or religious conviction) and other national and international personalities in the spirit of love and reconciliation. As usual, that event combines the prayer, the politics and the business. Economic diplomacy is active in the various projects in order to achieve the Vision of Burundi, the Emerging country in 2040, and the Developed country in 2060. **(MFADC)**

**Gitega: Launch of the multi-risk early warning initiative in Burundi**

**O**n Tuesday February 6, 2024, the Ministry of Home Affairs and Public Security organized, in Gitega province, a work-

shop for the launch of the multi-risk early warning initiative in Burundi. That workshop will be followed by the development of a road map on the establishment of



the early warning system in Burundi.

In his opening speech to the activity of that workshop which brought together the specialists in the disaster management and risk prevention system, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Home Affairs and Public Security Lieutenant General of Police André Ndayambaje said that that workshop follows the call of

the Secretary General of the United Nations to put in place the effective early warning systems for all in order to reduce the shock of the effects due to climate change. Despite the efforts made by the Government and his Partners in strengthening the technical and operational capacities of the Geographical Institute of Burundi (IGEBU), that institution still needs other support relating to the meteorological climate observations in order to improve the hydrometeorological information but also the system for disseminating that information, said Lieutenant General of Police André Ndayambaje, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Home Affairs and Public Security.

Police Brigadier General Anicet Nibaruta, President of the National Platform for the Risk Prevention and the Disaster Management, indicated that the Burundian Government is committed to reducing the vulnerability of the communities to the disaster risks. He requested the support from the development partners. **(RTNB)**

## Delivery of medical ambulances to the Ministry of the Public Health and the Fight against AIDS



**O**n Tuesday February 6, 2024, the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS received a donation from the World Bank consisting of 20 medical ambulances intended for 3 national hospitals and 17 district hospitals. That donation is worth 3,184,932,000 Fbu

The Ministry of Public Health and Fight against AIDS, Dr. Lydwine Baradahana, warmly thanked the World Bank for that support which will contribute to the strengthening the health system in Burundi.

The Minister in charge of health said that the ambulance drivers have been trained to make the good use

of it. She specified that those ambulances will be managed digitally, their movements will be monitored at all the times so that they are effectively used to refer the patients to the healthcare structures. She added that they will be managed as a networked fleet so that an ambulance is not parked when it is needed at another hospital. The Minister in charge of public health called on all ambulance drivers to constantly ensure their maintenance in good condition. She recommended that they manage them like good fathers.

Other 30 ambulances will soon be delivered to the Ministry in charge of public health because the supplier has already initiated the process of their customs clearance, added Dr. Lydwine Baradahana, Minister of public health.

The delegate of the Resident Representative of the World Bank, Mr. Omer Zang, indicated that that donation given to the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS will contribute to overcoming the deficits faced by the districts and the health hospitals from where it recommended taking care of that equipment. **(RTNB)**

## People removed from the street situation are in the process of being socially reintegrated



**O**n Thursday February 8, 2024, the Minister of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, Human Rights and Gender, Mrs. Imelde Sabushimike visited the accommodation center for children/adults in street situations in Munzenze in Mishiha commune in the province of Cankuzo. That center houses 538 people including 340 adults and 198 children taken off the street.

The Minister in charge of solidarity, Mrs. Imelde Sabushimike, was delighted that the people housed in that center are in good health. She praised the good collaboration with those around her despite misunderstandings linked to the cases of the theft recorded during the occupation of that center.

The Minister of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, Human Rights and Gender Mrs. Imelde Sabushimike indicated that the objective of that Munzenze center is to re-educate those people removed from the streets. The Ministry, through two

of its projects: the Project Enfant Soleil (PES) and the Center for the Supervision and the Reintegration of Children of Sun (CERES), provides the supervision with the support of the development partners. She said that they will return to their households after having had the patriotic training and advice that as soon as they arrive in their respective families they will have to get down to the development work.

Minister Imelde Sabushimike warned those people removed from the streets that once returned to the streets they will be exposed to the sanctions in accordance with the law against the begging. She promised the children of this center of school age that her ministry will do everything to ensure that they return to school next year and for adults, they will learn trades to develop themselves because children's place is there school not in the street.

Mrs. Imelde Sabushimike provided assistance with 8 tons of rice, the clothes, the shoes, the towels and the underwear for the children. She granted the assistance of 90 rabbits including 20 males and 70 females to the Association for the promotion and emancipation of young entrepreneurs of Mugeru hill, Mishiha commune in Cankuzo province. She welcomed the initiative to come together in an association the development in order to respond to the government's call to fight against poverty.

The Minister of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, Human Rights and Gender concluded his descent into the village of the Batwa community of Nyarurambi commune Cankuzo. She had provided herself with aid of 1 ton of rice and 120 rabbits that she granted to that community. (RTNB)

## The Permanent Forum for Dialogue (FDP) advocates the integration of the women in the decision-making positions

**T**he Women are called upon to participate massively and actively in the activities of the political parties, elect and get elected in order to increase the chances of being placed in the decision-making spheres. That call was launched in Gitega on Thursday February 8, 2024 during a workshop for exchange and reflection organized by the Permanent Forum for Dialogue of Political Parties approved in Burundi and the representatives of the women affiliated to the political parties at the

national level, on raising awareness among the women to elect and get elected.

According to the President of the Permanent Dialogue Forum (FDP), that workshop constitutes a privileged framework to the challenge the entire Burundian community in general and the political leaders in particular, to recognize the importance of the integrating women and men of the same way in all the spheres of the decision-making.



The President of the Permanent Dialogue Forum (FDP) also reminded that the quota of at least 30% of the women in institutions set by the constitution of the Republic of Burundi still remains the low when we know

that the women represent 51% of the Burundian population.

For the President of the FDP, by organizing that workshop, that Forum sought to explore the best avenues aimed at involving the women in the creation of a peaceful electoral environment with a view to putting an end to the cycles of violence that have often been observed in the end of the electoral processes.

During that workshop, the recommendations were made to the women and to the political party leaders. The women were urged to actively participate in the political party activities while the political party leaders were called upon to place the women in privileged positions so that they could be admitted into the decision-making institutions. (RTNB)

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