



Defense and Security forces extend New Year wishes to the Presidential Couple



The Burundian Defense and Security forces wished on Friday, December 20, 2019, the traditional best wishes to the Presidential Couple. It was at the Ntare Rugamba military camp in Gitega.

In his welcoming address, Brigadier General Audace Nduwumusi on behalf of the organizing committee welcomed the Presidential Couple and distinguished guests, also wishing them the best of luck. He said that organizing this celebration of traditional best wishes is a way of showing their attachment to the Head of State and Supreme Commander of the Defense and Security forces.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Public Security and Disaster Management Mr. André Ndayambaje on behalf of the Police and the Minister

of Public Security and Disaster Reduction wished the Presidential Couple the best wishes. He also presented to the Head of State the assessment of the achievements of the 2019 Annual Action Plan, the challenges and the prospects.

As for the Minister of National Defense and Veterans Mr. Emmanuel Ntahomvukiye on behalf of the armed forces wished the Presidential Couple a year of prosperity, health, success and long life. He also presented the assessment of the achievements of the 2019 Annual Action Plan, the challenges and the prospects. He did not fail to thank the Head of State for his sense of justice at the expense of revenge. Minister Emmanuel Ntahomvukiye appreciates that the supreme commander of the forces has preferred the path of regional justice to the detriment of force.

In his speech, the President of the Republic H.E Pierre Nkurunziza first expressed his feeling of joy and wished the best to the families of the Defense and Security forces and all Burundians in general.

This day is a special day for me. This is the last exchange of vows party in

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which I am participating. It is for me a great honor and an immense pleasure to conclude positively my legislature like that which we made together, specified H.E Pierre Nkurunziza.

The President of the Republic H.E Pierre Nkurunziza has evaluated, since 2005, the Defense, Security and Intelligence services and clarified that they have always been rated. He rated them 97%. A largely positive note considering what they have lived together in recent years, he said.

H.E the President Pierre Nkurunziza indicated that they have a great valiant and patriot, a "Murundi" of great value who should serve as their model, who should inspire them in future actions: NTARE-RUSHATSI the unifier of the Kingdom of Burundi.

On the eve of a major national event for the 2020 elections which are crucial for the future, the Head of State said that they should not be afraid because he stressed

that elections will go very well. We have to work for it, he insisted.

In a festive atmosphere and with speeches rich in advice, a proverb against the betrayal of the President of Burundi H.E Pierre Nkurunziza Supreme Commander of these Corps and President of the Republic asked them to reserve the same respect, the same enthusiasm and the same insight in the work for the one who will succeed him.

H.E the President Pierre Nkurunziza finally advised the Burundian Defense and Security forces to be always characterized by discipline, fraternity and solidarity in order to be invincible before all the enemies of Burundi. The end of the festivities was marked by the presentation of gifts to the Head of State.

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The Presidential Family organizes a prayer of thanksgiving



The traditional annual thanksgiving prayer organized by the Presidential family began this Thursday, December 26, 2019 in Itaba Municipality in the province of Gitega. Several high authorities of the country took part in this prayer which will last 6 days.

The opening of this prayer was marked by a long parade led by the presidential couple and the country's top executives, followed by the population of the 11 communes in the province of Gitega.

After the parade, the First Lady prayed, giving thanks to the Lord for the beginning of this prayer. She placed the activities of this meeting in the hands of God and implored divine protection during any period of this prayer of thanksgiving. Several choirs have succeeded each other on the stage to present songs of praise and worship. Afterwards, the head of state took over to lead a session of

praise in honor of the Lord. He was the conductor of the famous "Komezagusenga" choir.

During this session, the President of the Republic H.E Pierre Nkurunziza indicated that he and his family organized this prayer in order to spend the end of the year before the Lord, but also in order to give thanks to God in place of all Burundians for all the benefits that God has granted to the Burundian people.

It was an opportunity to call all participants to always thank the Lord for his mercy, for what God has bestowed on them in the past year. He recommended that they thank the Lord each time before they go to bed, when they wake up in the morning, before going to service, after service, before doing anything.

Referring to the word of God written in Jeremiah 33: 1-9, the Head of State said that God will reveal new things in the coming year. The Head of State said that with the help of the Lord, Burundians should have new ideas and new projects during the New Year.

According to H.E. Pierre Nkurunziza, this passage from the Bible shows that God is preparing to grant the Burundian people peace and blessings until the nations are amazed.

Finally, the Head of State prayed, thanking God for this meeting. The President of the Republic H.E Pierre Nkurunziza blessed all the assistance.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

Gitega: the Head of State grants aid to the poor to wish them a happy new year



The President of the Republic of Burundi H.E Pierre Nkurunziza sent on Tuesday, December 24, 2019, 30 tonnes of rice to the miserable people of four communes in the province of Gitega namely Gitega, Bukirasazi, Makebuko and Itaba. The distribution of this food aid was an opportunity to wish them happy holidays of the end of the year to this category of destitute people in these communes.

As indicated by Mr. Nicaise Ndibadibe, Adviser to the Presidency of the Public and bearer of the mes-

sage of the President of the Republic, HE Pierre Nkurunziza wanted the vulnerable population to be able to also celebrate Christmas and New Year 2020, in joy. He asked them to go and share with others who did not benefit from this aid. Through his envoy, the President of the Republic urged the population to join cooperative societies to self-develop because unity is strength. As for the Governor of Gitega Province, Mr. Venant Manirambona, he thanked the Head of State H.E Pierre Nkurunziza for his generous heart. It is a sign that shows how much the President of the Republic is concerned about the well being of his people, he said. He then called on the people of Gitega province to respect the country's institutions, starting with the President of the Republic.

The beneficiaries indicated that they are very satisfied with the humanitarian gesture made by the Head of State. They warmly thanked the Head of State for this charitable act.

In these four communes, 3000 households made up of the elderly, widows, people living with disabilities and those of the Batwa community, benefited from this assistance. Each household received 10 kg of rice.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

Evangelism conference: "It is through temptations that the Christian grows in faith"



An evangelism conference was organized on Monday, December 23, 2019 at Bujumbura under the theme "Let there be light". Mrs. Kathrine Free, an evangelist from the United States of America, said that from creation, God separated light from dark. She said that light represents revelation while darkness means ignorance.

Mrs. Kathrine Free clarified that the will of God is that man is able to distinguish light from dark because he who trusts in God walks in the light. She

said that whoever wants to accomplish this mission is to put the word of God into practice.

Relying on the word of God, taken from the book of James chapter I, the First Lady H.E Denise Nkurunziza calls on the Burundian citizens to remain courageous and to keep confidence in Jesus Christ, even in times of hardship because it is through the temptations that the Christian grows in faith.

The Mayor of the city of Bujumbura, Honorable Freddy Mbonimpa invited the participants to preach the divine light in order to transform the community. He asked the various authorities who attended this conference to transmit, in their churches, where they live, this vision that everyone is a light as Jesus is the light.

H.E Denise Nkurunziza wished all Burundians a happy Christmas and New Year. She also prayed for the country.

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Graduation ceremony for the first laureates of the Higher Institute of Management and Development of Muzinda (ISGD)



the fact of decentralizing the campuses, which formerly were centered in City hall of Bujumbura, he continued.

As for the legal Representative of the ISGD Mr. Ali Amos, he thanked the Head of State H.E Pierre Nkurunziza who contributed enormously in the construction of this establishment by granting him several building materials including sheets, cement and some windows and metal doors. He also greeted Mr.

The Higher Institute of Management and Development of Muzinda (ISGD) proceeded on Sunday, December 22, 2019, to the graduation of the first laureates of this University. The President of the National Assembly the Right Honorable Pascal Nyabenda enhanced these ceremonies with his presence.

Misigaro Augustin who agreed to grant them a plot to erect this building.

The Rector of this University indicated that the ISGD was approved by the ministerial ordinance of June 19, 2017. Today, the ISGD has 40 teachers with 150 students. He also announced that these teachers are all qualified and said that the ISDG has two streams,

According to the President of the National Assembly the Right Honorable Pascal Nyabenda, investing in education is not an investment as such, but it is a contribution to the Government, a helping hand in the development of the nation, said the Right Honorable Pascal Nyabenda.

Speaking, the Right Honorable Pascal Nyabenda saluted the step taken by awarding diplomas to the first winners. Recalling the essential role of promoting trades' education, the Right Honorable Pascal Nyabenda invited the winners of the first promotion of ISGD in general and the winners of the entrepreneurial sector in particular to bring their skills to the development projects and their implementation on behalf of cooperatives recently established across the country.

The Right Honorable Pascal Nyabenda also thanked the idea of setting up the ISGD in Muzinda, according to him, the quality of the education system aims for excellence and developing opportunities by focusing on efficiency and equity so that young people from disadvantaged backgrounds can access higher education. It is an asset for the interest of the locality of Bubanza and of the country in general, because, it is



namely Entrepreneurship for 2 years and the Faculty of Management and Administration for 3 years of training. For the first promotion, the ISGD issued 27 diplomas.

On the sidelines of these ceremonies, the Representative of the ISDG offered a cow to the President of the National Assembly as a thank you and the Representative of the parents of this establishment offered a cup to the Representative of the ISGD.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

The family of the President of the National Assembly shares the Christmas meal with more than 2000 destitute people



The family of the President of the National Assembly shared the Christmas lunch on Wednesday, December 25, 2019 with more than 2,000 needy people from Bubanza province, made up of children and adults.

The President of the National Assembly, the Right Honorable Pascal Nyabenda, said that Christmas is the great feast for Christians where they commemorate the birth of the savior of the world Jesus Christ. The word of God recommends Christians to share with the needy when celebrating this great holiday.

It is in this perspective that this family has prepared food and drink for more than 2,000 destitute people in order to fulfill the divine will.

The Right Honorable Pascal Nyabenda clarified that the meal and the drinks they share with the poor come from the harvest of his fields, it is for this reason that he thanked the good Lord by sharing with the vulnerable because God has heightened their prayer by giving them a good harvest.

He added that even other destitute people have received help from his family to go and celebrate in their

respective households.

In the morning, the family of the President of the Assembly joined forces with the Christians of the parish of Christ the King in the capital of the province of Bubanza of the Diocese of Bubanza in a morning mass on the occasion of the celebration of the feast of Christmas.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

The Ministry of Public Health brings aid to survivors of the torrential rains



The Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS, Dr Thaddée Ndikumana, carried out on Monday, December 23, 2019, a descent in the Uwinterekwa and Gasenyi areas in town hall of Bujumbura, areas of victims of torrential rains mixed with landslide.

He granted aid to survivors of Uwinterekwa and Gasenyi grouped at ECOFO Uwinterekwa consisting of 2.5 tonnes of rice, 860 kg of beans, 186 mosquito nets, a complete kitchen kit, cans, soaps, clothes and shoes.

As Dr. Thaddée Ndikumana said, the purpose of the

trip was to inquire into the situation to see the need for emergency assistance. It was also to see that health workers are at work to disinfect the premises in order to avoid possible epidemics.

For the survivors who will fall ill, Minister Dr Thaddée Ndikumana said that the Kamenge district hospital will treat them free of charge and a doctor, an ambulance and other medicines are available for this purpose.

Minister Dr Thaddée Ndikumana asks these survivors to do the hygiene especially that the water and the soaps are available in order to avoid the diseases related to the promiscuity.

He thanked organizations such as the Burundi Red Cross, AJAP, Caritas Burundi, as well as the Ministry of Solidarity who made the aid available and appealed to the other benefactors to continue to help these survivors.

The survivors of Uwinterekwa and Gasenyi were victims of a torrential rain which fell in these places the night of Saturday and last Sunday where more than 14 human lives were lost, more than 40 injured and more than 55 houses completely destroyed.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

The Ministry in charge of youth closes the "youth week for peace"



The Ministry of Youth, posts, and ICT in collaboration with the Network of Youth Organizations in Action REJA, ended on Saturday, December 21, 2019 in Ijenda in the commune of Mugongo Manga in Bujumbura province, the youth week campaign for peace which brought together 8 Communes from the 4 Provinces namely Bujumbura, Mwaro, Bururi and the Town Hall of Bujumbura.

The Honorable Minister Evelyne Butoyi asked these

young people not to fall into the error of 2015 any more, not to be manipulated by politicians especially since we are spoiling the 2020 elections.

The ceremonies of the day began with community work on the RN7 where they cleared the gutter of the road filled with mud following the landslide.

A peace march led participants to the Ijenda stadium where competitions such as question and answer games, dances and skits were held respecting the theme related to the fact that young people must safeguard peace in their diversity.

In her speech, Honorable Evelyne Butoyi advised them to study and join cooperatives to prepare for their future. She suggested to them to preserve the security which is the foundation of development while specifying that a locality cannot be destabilized without being a hand behind.

Honorable Evelyne Butoyi reassured these young people that the Government must do everything to-

help them and gave the example of the youth bank which has just been created and which will allow them to have credits to develop themselves. She thanked the Burundians who contributed financially to the preparation of the elections and reassured that they will be free, transparent and peaceful.

The best in these competitions have received awards including radio sets, loincloths, hoes, soaps and cell phones. The 8 municipalities are Mukike and Mutambu, Gisozi and Rusaka, Mugamba and Matana, Musaga and Kinama. They participated in the demonstrations of 2015.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

Members of the standing committee for drafting periodic reports improve their skills



The Ministry of Human Rights, Social Affairs and Gender organized on Monday, December 23, 2019, a capacity building workshop for members of the standing committee to draft initial and periodic reports to bodies that deal with international instruments of promotion of human rights.

The Assistant to the Minister in charge of Human Rights Mrs. Elisa Nkerabirori said that since the seventh periodic report of Burundi must be produced and submitted to the committee during the year 2020, this workshop offers them an opportunity to prepare in advance in terms of gathering the

constituent elements of the report; but also to anticipate future questions that could be put to the delegation of Burundi with regard to the instrument concerned during the interactive debate with the experts.

The workshop is organized with the objective of perfecting us further in the sense of respecting the regularity of the reports and the speed in their production, said the Assistant to the Minister in charge of social affairs and gender.

She said that it is in this context that presentations on certain traditional international human rights instruments will be revised.

Ms. Elisa said that this is also the time to analyze what came out of the last interaction session between Burundi and experts on compassion on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against Human Rights.

It is also an opportunity to assess how it was the last time 4 years ago, especially that Burundi will soon produce in the year 2020, the 7th report. The Burundi delegation will be able to go and defend the Burundi report, concluded the Assistant in charge of Social and Gender Affairs.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

Burundi implements a national strategy to revitalize the cotton sector

The Cotton Management Company (COGERCO) launched on Tuesday, December 24, 2019 in Nyamitanga in Buganda commune in the province of Cibitoke the cotton sowing campaign 2019-2020.

The ceremonies were enhanced by the presence of the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock and the Director General of this company. According to these authorities, Burundi intends to revitalize the cotton sector to alleviate dependence on the out-

side for textiles and clothing.

While thanking agricultural officials for the importance they attach to growing cotton, the cotton farmers' Representative, Mr. Mutankana Onesphore, asked them to make available the appropriate fertilizers, spray products and pumps. He also asked them to increase the price per kg of cotton.

Speaking, the Director General of COGERCO, Mr. Majambere Gustave encouraged cotton growers to extend this culture in their properties and announced on this occasion that Burundi intends to revitalize the cotton-textiles-clothing sector.

The Director General of COGERCO recognizes that cotton production has drastically decreased for years following the significant decrease in the reserves which were allocated to the cultivation of cotton. He explained by way of example that the cultivation of cotton in 1993 extended over 9,800 ha while today the cotton area is only 3,000 ha. Opportunity to ask the state to return to COGERCO its reserves that have been looted and to put in place a law that protects the properties of this company.



Mr. Gustave Majambere said that the company plans to increase cultivable land from year to year to respond to the concern to increase cotton production. He cited other factors that will come into play in increasing cotton production, including good quality fertilizers. The Director General of COGERCO clarified that the Company is working with ISABU and FOMI to set up an economically profitable dose which will be made available to cotton growers so that they can have sufficient production.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Mr. Ndorimana Emmanuel meanwhile, indicated that the reserves which belonged to COGERCO and which was robbed of it must return to this company, affirming moreover, certain areas have already been returned to COGERCO. He also announced that the relevant Ministry intends to expand cotton cultivation in the provinces of Ruyigi, Cankuzo and Rutana.

Mr. Emmanuel Ndorimana said that the State of Burundi has put in place a national strategy document for revitalizing the cotton sector, which contains many projects in favor of cotton cultivation. He added that cotton growers have a big role to play in the implementation and success of this strategy. And ask them to redouble their efforts so that the cotton sector is economically profitable.

Finally, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock gave the Governors of Bubanza and Cibitoke a manual of national strategy for revitalizing the cotton sector so that the projects included in this document are popularized on a large scale.

On the sidelines of the ceremonies, COGERCO granted incentive prices to cotton growers who performed well in relation to production. As an incentive, 20 cotton growers each received a 7 liter can of cottonseed oil and a loincloth, a bonus which, according to the Director General of COGERCO, could encourage other farmers to work much more to increase production. .

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

Reduction in the time required to release goods in Burundi



Photo de famille avec les membres du groupe technique de travail après la remise des certificats

The Burundian Revenue Office (OBR) presented on Tuesday December 17, 2019 at the Hotel Club du Lac Tanganyika, the national study

on the time required for the release of goods. Observation, this time has been significantly reduced!

All the speeches made on this occasion were unanimous: "The OBR is to be congratulated for what it does in the area of business facilitation and trade". The Representative of the World Customs Organization (WCO) said it again and again, "the OBR and its employees shine in the world" in the customs field. He said that "Burundi is among the most active countries internationally and implements several trade facilitation programs, even if it has not yet ratified the

revised Kyoto Convention".

According to the report, the average time for customs clearance and transit of goods from the registration of the manifest in the customs system in Dar-Es-Salam until the physical exit of the cargo at the customs clearance office in Bujumbura has increased from 35 days to 24 days and 7 hours on average. The OBR Commissioner General said that this time could be further reduced "if the planned project to renovate the Kobero substation (notably by building sheds and enlarging the parking lot) is carried out".

TradeMark East Africa (TMEA) Country Director Christian Nibasumba invites the OBR and its national partners to work further on other trade facilitation programs such as lifting non-tariff barriers, among others. He also expressed the wish to see "this study translated into English for easy sharing with English-speaking partners".

The members of the Technical Working Group have all received certificates of recognition and merit for this work, which is unanimously praised.

(Source: www.obr.bi)

Special anti-corruption brigade hands over seized goods to OBR



The Special Anti-Corruption Brigade handed over 142 loincloths seized in Mparambo in the commune of Rugombo to a fraudster on Tuesday, December 24, 2019, at the Burundian Revenue Office (OBR) post Cibitoke.

As the Commissioner General of the Anti-Corruption Police, Mr. Roger Ndikumana, indicated, these loincloths from the DRC did not have tax stamps. He said that these loincloths were seized thanks to the collaboration of the local police and the population who gave them the information.

He is asking traders to break the fraud because when apprehended, they pay huge fines. Most of them prefer to abandon their goods, he added. If such goods are seized and the owner does not come to pay the taxes and fines, Mr. Roger Ndiku-

mana clarified that the OBR will afterwards auction them off, which constitutes a huge loss for the fraudulent trader. The money from the sale returns to the public treasury.

The special Anti-Corruption Brigade also seized cell-phones, ECOFO teaching books, medicines, mosquito nets, blankets and shoes in various corners of Bujumbura.

Medicines and mosquito nets will be handed over to the Ministry of Public Health and Fight against AIDS Control, while textbooks will be given to the Ministry in charge of Education. The other products will be handed over to the OBR.

Mr. Roger Ndikumana said that the Special Anti-Corruption Brigade had problems linked to the lack of sufficient personnel to organize checks on all borders. It also lacks sufficient means of movement to quickly arrive at the places of entry of fraudulent goods or where other crimes related to corruption are committed.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

The Burundian Revenue Office (OBR) gives details of the procedure in force in the event of fraud



When fraudulent or contraband goods are seized, the seizure report is drawn up directly and jointly signed on site by the seizing agent and the offender. The seizure report is drawn up in two copies: one is given to the offender and the other remains in the hands of the seizing agent for classification. The seized goods are transported to the warehouse of the Burundian Revenue Office where they are kept until the offender shows up to find out about the duties and taxes as well as the fines to be paid so that the goods can be returned to him.

The procedures to follow are as follows:

The offender presents his identity and the report to the verifying officer, who then draws up the report of the customs offense. On this report, all duties and taxes as well as the fines due are determined in accordance with section 201 of the Law on Customs Management of the East African Community. Subsequently, the offense report is signed jointly by the checking agent and the offender to take note of the transaction;

Once the report has been drawn up and signed by the verifying agent and the offender, it is sent directly to the Head of Service for analysis and corrections if necessary to issue his opinion;

After the opinion of the Head of Service, the offense report is sent back to the Director for comments and

decision-making at his level;

Then, the offense report is sent to the Commissioner of Customs and Excise for the last decision;

Once the Commissioner's decision confirms the duties and taxes as well as the fine indicated in the offense report, the offender is called to pay;

Subsequently, the offender presents the payment receipt to the secretariat of the Directorate which, after verifying its authenticity, prepares the release of the goods which had been the subject of seizure;

Finally, the offender releases the warehouse manager and the warehouse manager gives him his seized merchandise.

Sometimes the violator refuses the transaction or decides to abandon the seized goods. Here, at the end of the storage period provided for by the Law on Customs Management of the East African Community, these goods are transmitted to the commission in charge of the auction (see section 57 of the aforementioned law - P77). The easily perishable goods are also sold at public auction in accordance with the Service Note "N° / REF: 540/92 / CG / 01/554 / D.N / 2016 of 23/03/2016".

There are cases where the goods which had been seized are prohibited or restricted according to the "second annex" of the Law on Customs Management of the East African Community (see p 226 of the aforementioned law). In these circumstances, these goods are seized and confiscated and will be destroyed if they are prohibited or managed according to the conditions determined by the Commissioner if they are restricted.

(Source: www.obr.bi)

INVEST IN BURUNDI: API GIVES SOME OF INCENTIVES REASONS



Burundi is a country with diversified economic potential. Located in the heart of Africa, Burundi enjoys an equatorial climate tempered by altitude (1,700 meters on average in the center, lower on the outskirts). It is also a country in East Africa without access to the sea, but with a large shore on Lake Tanganyika, located in the Great Lakes Region. Its economy is mainly based on agricultural export and livestock. Agricultural production is divided between products for export, such as coffee, tea and cotton, and food crops.

However, Burundi has a GREAT investment potential. The Agency for the Promotion of Investment (API), a Burundian institution responsible for promoting investments, provides, among other things, some information answering why to invest in Burundi.

The main reasons are: the Political and security stability, the strategic geographic position allowing direct access to several neighboring countries, the constantly improving business environment (Doing Business Report: Burundi has been ranked consecutively 3 times among the top 10 reformers in the world), the Freedom of establishment and investment, the Burundi's membership of the ECA Common Market and the COMESA Free Trade Zone, the Cost of labor relatively cheaper compared to countries in the sub-region, the fact that Burundi is eligible for the EU (European Union) "Everything But Arms" Initiative and the AGOA (African Growth Opportunity Act), An attractive and

non-discriminatory Investment Code guaranteeing the protection of investors and investments, the Single Window for setting up companies allows the creation of a business in one day for 40,000 Burundian Francs (almost 25 USD), and finally the three other operational windows namely: obtaining the Building Permit, the Property Transfer License and the Single Window for connection to electricity.

In addition, Burundi has a number of comparative advantages such as regional strategic access to Lake Tanganyika, membership in several regional economic communities, notably COMESA and ECA, and the relatively low costs of workforce.

Burundi's economy is dependent on a number of sectors whose development will have an impact on its growth potential in the years to come. There are sectors which are considered as investment priorities such as agriculture, breeding, fishing, processing and manufacturing industry, hospitality and tourism, energy and mining, transport, information and communication technology (ICT), education, buildings and public works.

(Source: MFA-Newsroom)

Burundi joins the world to celebrate the feast of the nativity of the Son of God



The whole world celebrates the feast of the nativity of the Son of God, Jesus. In Burundi this holiday was celebrated by the faithful of several Christian religious denominations.

At the Regina Mundi Cathedral, the Archbishop of

Bujumbura, Monsignor Gervais Banshimiyubusa said that the feast of Christmas signifies the deliverance from sinful nature. No one can enter the joy of the nativity if he does not agree to abandon all bad practices and worldly behavior.

He invited Christians to accept the deliverance from evil to enter fully into the life governed by the good news.

This requires humility because according to Monsignor Banshimiyubusa, God is revealed to the most humble, rich or poor. He also asked the faithful to implore God and ask him to give them an open mind so that they could avoid sin.

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