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### ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI ANNOUNCING THE UNEXPECTED DEMISE OF HIS EXCELLENCY PIERRE NKURUNZIZA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI

The Government of the Republic of Burundi announces with great sadness to Burundians and to the International Community, the unexpected demise of His Excellency Pierre NKURUNZIZA, President of the Republic of Burundi, at the Cinquantenaire Hospital "NATWE TURASHOBOYE" de KARUZI, because of a cardiac arrest.

While he had spent the afternoon of Saturday 06 June 2020 attending a Volley ball match at NGOZI, it was during the night of 06 June 2020 going to Sunday 07 June 2020 that His Excellency Pierre NKURUNZIZA, President of the Republic of Burundi felt a malaise and quickly went to the Karuzi Hospital for treatment. He was admitted to hospital for feeling ill. On Sunday, his health improved and he spoke with the people who were next to him.

To the great surprise, in the morning of Monday 08 June 2020, his state of health suddenly changed with a cardiac arrest. Immediate resuscitation was undertaken by a multidisciplinary team of doctors for several hours with cardio-respiratory assistance. Despite intense, continuous and adapted care, the medical team was unable to recover the patient.

The Government of the Republic of Burundi expresses its deepest sympathy and condolences to the Burundian people in general and to their very distressed family in particular. Burundi has just lost a worthy member of the country, a President of the Republic, a Supreme Guide of the National patriotism. May Almighty God have his soul. As He was an example for all Burundians, of someone who loves and respects God, the Government of the Republic of Burundi asks the Burundian people to remain calm and serene and to accompany His Excellency the President of the Republic with many prayers.

The Government of the Republic of Burundi announces that a national mourning is open for 07 days from June 9, 2020. During this period, the flags will be flown at half-mast.

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The condolence books are open at the Presidential Palace «NTARERUSHATSI »for Burundians as well as Representatives of Diplomatic and Consular Missions accredited in Burundi. For the Burundians or other people living abroad, the condolence books are open in the diplomatic missions and Consulates of Burundi.

The rest of the program will be communicated to you later.

**Done in Bujumbura, June 09, 2020**  
**THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF GOVERNMENT**  
**AND SPOKESPERSON FOR GOVERNMENT**

### **Members of the National and International Community offer their condolences to the Burundians**

**O**n June 09, 2020, the Government of the Republic of Burundi announced with very great sadness to the Burundians and the International Community, the unexpected demise of His Excellency Pierre NKURUNZIZA, President of the Republic of Burundi that occurred at the Hospital of the "Cinquantenaire" of Karuzi following a cardiac arrest.

After this bad news, some messages of condolences to the sorrowed family and to the Burundian people were transmitted by the friends of Burundi.

The Secretary General of the CNDD-FDD Party and President-elect of the Republic of Burundi said in his message that he sends his sincere condolences to the President's family, the Bagumyabanga and all the Burundian people. "He leaves us a very great legacy of his works, unparalleled love for the people, for the Fatherland and an unforgettable memory", added General Major Evariste NAYISHIMIYE.

In his message, the Second Vice-President of the Republic Dr. Joseph BUTORE said: "We have just lost our beloved President, HE Pierre Nkurunziza, a Man of inestimable value. He leaves us as legacy his praiseworthy works and his unequalled love for our Fatherland. May God have his soul. Our sincere condolences to his family and to our compatriots. We, who have had the good fortune to rub shoulders with HE Pierre Nkurunziza, let us be more than ever determined to use this immense capital to make his unforgettable memory".

In a message published on the Twitter account of the National Assembly, it was declared that the latter learned with bitterness the unexpected demise of His Excellency Pierre NKURUNZIZA, President of the Republic and Supreme Guide to Patriotism following a cardiac arrest. The office of the National Assembly offers its deepest condolences to the Burundian population and the distressed family. "Burundi loses a worthy son of its country. His values and his works will never disappear in the hearts of Burundians. May God have his soul".

The international community also reacted to the demise of the President of the Republic of Burundi by sending messages of condolences.

This is the case of the President of the Republic of Rwanda, His Excellency Paul KAGAME who, on behalf of the Government and in his own behalf, addressed his condolences to the Government of Burundi, the Burundian people and the family of the President, for the demise of the President Pierre Nkurunziza. May God protect him. In his message, the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, His Excellency Dr John MAGUFURI, said he was shocked by the reports of the demise of the President of Burundi, His Excellency Pierre Nkurunziza. He went on to say that he will be remembered for his strong leadership and his efforts to fight for peace, development and democracy. On behalf of the Government and the Tanzanians, he offers his condolences to the family and all the people of Burundi. May God place him in the right place.

The President of the Republic of Mali, His Excellency Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta, said that the demise of His Excellency Pierre Nkurunziza constitutes a huge loss for the

Burundian people as he has marked the political life of Burundi. He sent his message of deepest condolences to the Government and the people of Burundi, as well as to the family who were hard hit.

The President of the Federal Republic of Somalia, His Excellency Mohamed Farmaajo, extended his sincere condolences to the Government and people of the Republic of Burundi for the demise of H.E. Pierre Nkurunziza. According to him, he was a great friend and ally of Somalia.

In his message the President of the Republic of Benin, His Excellency Patrice Talon, claims to have learned of the demise of President Pierre Nkurunziza of the Republic of Burundi and on behalf of the Government of Benin and on his own behalf, expressed his condolences to the Burundian people and the family of the illustrious disappeared.

The President of the Republic of Djibouti, His Excellency Ismail Omar Guelleh, on behalf of the people and the Government of Djibouti expressed his sympathy to the Burundian sister nation in the terrible ordeal of the demise of President Pierre Nkurunziza.

The President of the Republic of Senegal, His Excellency Macky Sall, addressed his condolences and those of the Nation to the Burundian people, following the demise of President Pierre Nkurunziza.

The President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, His Excellency Félix Tshisekedi expressed his emotion and great consternation following the bad news of the unexpected demise of Burundian President Pierre Nkurunziza, which occurred on June 8, 2020.

The President of the Republic of Kenya, His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta sent a message of condolences and comfort to the people of the Republic of Burundi and to the family of His Excellency President Pierre Nkurunziza, who died on June 08, 2020.

The Government of the Russian Federation announced that it was informed of the demise of H.E. Pierre Nkurunziza, President of the Republic of Burundi. The Office of the Government of Russia said that President Pierre Nkurunziza was a constant

supporter of the closeness between Russia and Burundi. It expressed his sincere condolences to the relatives and friends of the President, to the leaders of Burundi and to the entire Burundian people.

The Government of the People's Republic of China declares having learned with dismay the demise of His Excellency Pierre NKURUNZIZA, President of the Republic of Burundi. The Chinese side expresses its sad condolences to the Government and people of Burundi as well as to the family of the deceased. The Government of the People's Republic of China continues by declaring that President Pierre NKURUNZIZA is respected and loved by the Burundian people, is very attached to the sovereignty of the country, that it opposes foreign interference while actively exploring a development path adapted to Burundian reality. "President Pierre NKURUNZIZA was a great friend of the Chinese people, he worked in bilateral friendship and contributed greatly to the deepening of the long-standing partnership between the two countries. At this time of hardship, the Chinese people are wholeheartedly with the Burundian people".

The State Department of the United States of America offered its sincere condolences to the Government and people of the Republic of Burundi for the demise of His Excellency Pierre Nkurunziza. According to the office of the State Department of the United States of America, he remains a committed partner and a friend of the Burundian people.

In his condolence message, the Burundian Diaspora through its Representative said that it learned with deep pain of the demise of the President of Burundi HE Pierre NKURUNZIZA which occurred on June 8, 2020. On behalf of the Burundian Diaspora, the President of the Burundian Diaspora, Mr. Japhet Legentil NDAYISHIMIYE sent a message of comfort to the affected family and to the Burundians. He recalled that Burundi loses a man of great value, a man of unrivaled courage and a unifier. The President of the Burundian Diaspora, Mr. Japhet Legentil NDAYISHIMIYE, also indicated that the Burundian Diaspora will bear in mind the advice of the President of the Republic of Burundi HE Pierre NKURUNZIZA against them during the weeks of the Diaspora, and undertakes to follow the teaching he

bequeathed to them. The President of the Burundian Diaspora, Mr. Japhet Legentil NDAYISHIMIYE, invited the members of the Burundian Diaspora to mourn for 7 days as recommended by the Government and urged them to remain always serene and calm.

The East African Community received with shock and utter sadness the news of the untimely and tragic

demise of His Excellency Pierre Nkurunziza, President of the Republic of Burundi and member of the Summit of Heads of State of the EAC. The Office of the East African Community said that its prayers go out to the family, the Government and the people of Burundi.

(Source MAE writing)

### Different personalities put their signatures in the book of condolence



Consecutively to the unexpected demise of His Excellency Pierre NKURUNZIZA, President of the Republic of Burundi, which occurred on Monday 8 June 2020 at the HOSPITAL NATWETURASHO-BOYE of KARUSI, the Government of Burundi has released a book of condolence at the Presidential Palace NTARE RUSHATSI.

Various personalities of the country, members of the Government, representatives of religious confessions, representatives of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps accredited in Burundi and representatives of national and international organizations paid tribute to the illustrious deceased by putting their signatures in the book of condolence opened at the Presidential Palace and in the various Burundian embassies abroad.

Personalities who have already signed their signatures include:

The Ambassador of China to Burundi, the Chargé d'Affaires of the Nigerian Embassy in Burundi, the Ambassador of Kenya to Burundi, the Ambassador of Egypt to Burundi, the Ambassador of the DRC to Burundi, the Executive Secretary of the Economic Community of the Great Lakes Countries (ECGLC), the President of the National Assembly, the Former

President of the Senate of Burundi, the President of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of Burundi Monsignor, members of the Government of Burundi, the Chargé d'Affaires a.i at the United States of America Embassy in Burundi, the Chargé d'Affaires of the Ugandan Embassy in Burundi, the Ambassador of South Africa to Burundi



On Saturday, June 13, 2020, the Secretary General of the CNDD-FDD Party and also elected President, General Major Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, also signed the book of Condolences. Afterwards, he sent a message to the population in which he gave him advice to continue the path traced by His Excellence Pierre NKURUNZIZA. He urged Burundians to remain calm in these difficult times.

(Source MAE writing)

### The Lord doesn't like lazy people



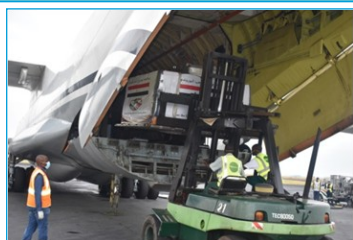
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## A scientific committee to deal with the Covid-19



The Ministry in charge of Public Health is setting up a scientific committee to deal with the Covid-19. The Ministry in charge of Public Health in collaboration with International Medical Corps (IMC) organized a workshop on Friday, June 5, 2020, for the restitution and dissemination of the protocol for the management of Covid-19.

According to the speakers, although the disease is common in Bujumbura, cases are beginning to appear in the interior of the country such as in Ruyigi, Rumonge and Cibitoke. The most affected age group is 35 to 44 years of age.

For the response in Burundi, care facilities continue to screen, trace contacts in order to cut the chain of contamination, the extension of the care to the Kamenge Military Hospital, the Hospital-University Center of Kamenge, Kira Hospital and Bumerec, according to the authorities of the Ministry in charge of public health.

The Minister in charge of Public Health, Dr. Thaddée Ndikumana says community

awareness will continue for hand washing and supervision and supervision of hospitals.

The presenters raised some challenges to the Covid-19 response, such as the non-existent FOSA triage and isolation system, the border isolation centers that are required (no distancing, poor hygiene and mattresses) and the lack of rapid response due to insufficient logistics.

The Chairman of the Scientific Committee Professor Theodore Niyongabo suggested that health personnel be trained to better diagnose suspects, use imaging and multiply diagnostic and virology centers.

For the treatment of Covid-19, Professor Theodore Niyongabo calls for the creation of management units with trained personnel and adequate equipment as well as the availability of oxygen and respirators.

In a press conference, the Minister in charge of Public Health, Dr Thaddée Ndikumana, said that Covid-19 itself is not a problem but that it takes advantage of the weakness of the body for people with other diseases such as diabetes, hypertension and AIDS.

For those who use traditional medicines, Dr. Thaddée Ndikumana says this can help but advises consulting the care facilities in case of symptoms of Covid-19. (source: [www.abpinfos.com](http://www.abpinfos.com))

## Passing the national test of the ninth of Elementary School, 2020 edition



The 2020 national test has started well in all provinces of the country, despite the delay in some centers due to logistical problems, the Burundian Press Agency (ABP) found on the spot. The competitions cover two courses: Entrepreneuriat and Human sciences and the end of the national test ended on Thursday, June 11, 2020. In Bujumbura town hall, at the pass-

through center of Notre Dame de Rohero High School, which welcomed 219 candidates from five schools (The Notre Dame de Rohero High School, the Independent School, the Ideal School of the Horizon and the School Without Borders), Mrs Francine Ndayishimiye, President of the center, said that the event started at 8:48 a.m. instead of 7:30 a.m.

It attributes this delay to the late delivery of drafts by some school principals.

At The Lake Tanganyika High School, which regrouped two passing centers with 439 and 371 candidates respectively, officials said the test began at 8 hours 55 minutes. One of the officials of these two transfer centers, Mrs. Emelyne Ndayirukiye, told the press that the supervisors arrived on time but lamented that the candidates had late at the competition site.

In the three handover centers, officials were pleased that the Ministry's guidelines in charge of education in relation to the awarding of this competition had been respected. These include wearing a uniform, banning the wearing of telephones and haircuts.

In addition, elements of the Burundian national police had been deployed to the scene so that this large-scale educational activity could take place in a safe and secure situation.

The organizers of this competition took care to install hand-washing devices at the entrance of all the handing-in centers to help candidates prevent themselves against Covid-19..(source: [www.abpinfos.com](http://www.abpinfos.com))

### Partial view of workshop participants

Mr. Conille further stated that the implementation and finalization of this document is an important step but that its funding is uncertain.

In his view, a process of mobilizing resources will be necessary to enable the move very quickly to operationalization, he said, and to ensure that it will make its contribution so that the United Nations System in Burundi gets involved so that the work that has been done can actually be carried out in concrete terms.

The National Communications Strategy for Development in support of the PND was prepared by two consultants: a national consult-

ant and an international consultant. Dr. Yves Ndayikunda, a national expert, said that the current state of the development communication situation in Burundi leads to the realization that this dynamic is not yet fully there since not all stakeholders are sufficiently informed and involved.

The study on the state of communication for development in Burundi shows that, while there are communication practices in Burundi, the practice of participatory communication is not yet fully integrated in the implementation of projects.(source: [www.abpinfos.com](http://www.abpinfos.com))

### People pay homage to President Pierre Nkurunziza

The people of Gitega province, the political capital of the country, welcomed with dismay the unexpected death of the Burundian head of state, His Excellency Pierre Nkurunziza, that occurred on Monday, June 8, 2020, as announced Tuesday, June 9 by the Govern-

ment Spokesman. The same population says that the Illustrious Deceased will remain engraved in his memory. As an indication, Mr. Clément Ndabaniwe, a street vendor of fruit, testified that the late Excellency President Nkurunziza was out of the

ordinary. "He was an authority that embodied charisma through his simplicity, his tender heart towards people of low conditions, his firm will to engage the country on the path of development, his spirit unifying all national components, his attachment to the Almighty, etc." Mr. Ndabaniwe, a native of Makebukoko commune, said that thanks to the late Nkurunziza, the Gitega-Ruyigi national road had been rehabilitated.

As for the inhabitants of the urban centre of Gitega, they say that His Excellency Nkurunziza leaves an indelible mark in their hearts through the multiple works carried out in this city. They

cited, among other things, the endowment to Gitega province, the political capital of the country, the open construction of paving and paving of the city of Gitega, the paved road network linking Gitega to all the border provinces, the establishment of the Youth Investment Bank, etc. His Excellency Pierre Nkurunziza was also an architect of peace and security, an undeniable leader in the country's development in all its aspects, they said. To materialize the mourning for the famous deceased, flags are flown at half-mast at all official buildings in Gitega province. (source: [www.abpinfos.com](http://www.abpinfos.com))

## Modalities to run for election for hill or quarter councils

On 3 June 2020, the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) issued an order on the specific procedures for the declaration of candidacy election of hill or neighborhood councils.

Article 1 of the decree stipulates, among other things, that candidates "are not elected on the basis of lists of political parties or coalitions of political parties but run independently". With regard to applications, CENI informs that they will take place from 15 to 24 June 2020, according to Article 2 of the order.

As for the identity of the candidate, Article 3 of the order stipulates that, in addition to being a Burundian national, the candidate must be "legally domiciled in the hill or in the neighborhood or permanently reside there". The latter must also be 25 years old at the time of the elections and be registered in the 2020 general election.

In terms of auditing and analyzing applications, Article 5 stipulates that they will take place from July 10 to 16. While notification of the decision of the Independent Communal Electoral Commission (CECI), the candidates selected on the provisional lists, is set for 17 July. It will be displayed at the heads of the respective zones.

Article 6, the order stipulates that unsuccessful candidates have 3 days to apply to the Independent Provincial Electoral Commission (CEPI), as of notification of CECI's decision.

CEPI, on the other hand, definitively decides within 3 days calendar. According to Article 7 of the order, the final lists of candidates selected for the election of the hills or district councils will be published on 24 July 2020

(source: [www.abpinfos.com](http://www.abpinfos.com))



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**REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI****PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC  
Secretariat-General of the Government****MEDIA RELEASE CONSECUTIVE TO THE CABINET MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2020**

A Cabinet Meeting was held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2020 under the chairmanship of His Excellency Gaston SINDIMWO, First Vice-President of the Republic Burundi. Only one item was on the agenda, namely: How to handle the situation following the sudden death of His Excellency Pierre NKURUNZIZA President of the Republic of Burundi.

The item was presented by the Minister of Justice, Civil Protection and Keeper of the Seals.

The Government of the Republic of Burundi has learned with very great sadness the sudden death of His Excellency Pierre NKURUNZIZA, President of the Republic of Burundi, occurred on June 8, 2020 at the Hôpital du Cinquanteaire "Natwe Turashoboye" in KARUSI, following a cardiac arrest.

In such circumstances, it is up to the competent body to get the Constitutional Court notify the vacancy of the post of President of the Republic in accordance with the Constitution.

Indeed, article 121 paragraph 3 of the Constitution of the Republic of Burundi provides: "The vacancy of the post is established by the Constitutional Court seized by the Vice-President of the Republic and the Government acting collegially".

Under article 288 of the Constitution of the Republic of Burundi, this body, which is currently composed of the First Vice President of the Republic, the Second Vice President of the Republic and the Ministers, is competent to seize the Constitutional Court.

It is pursuant to Articles 121 paragraph 3 and 288 of the Constitution of the Republic of Burundi, that it is proposed that the Government of the Republic of Burundi and the two Vice-Presidents, acting collegially, refer the matter to the Constitutional Court so that the latter notifies the vacancy of the post of President of the Republic of Burundi while indicating the methods of filling this post.

Following discussions, the Council adopted this proposal and a request was filled to the Constitutional Court.

### **Any Other Business**

The Council of Ministers exchanged on the different interpretations related to the form to be taken by the national mourning of 7 days which has been cleared. The Council decided that the activities continue normally but that each one must understand the particular circumstances the country goes through. This led to the decision that during this period of mourning, music in bars, nightclubs and karaoke should be suspended.

The members of the Government also agreed on the modalities of organizing a visit to sympathize with the family of the departed President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Pierre NKURUNZIZA.

**Done at Bujumbura, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Prosper NTAHORWAMIYE  
Secretary-General and Spokesman  
of the Government. -**

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