



The President of the Republic receives the Ugandan President's Special Envoy



On Wednesday January 11th 2022, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE received in audience at the Presidential Palace of Gitega, Mr. Vincent Frerrio Bamulangi SSEMPIJJA, the Special Envoy and bearer of a Message from the Ugandan President, His Excellency Yoweri Kagawa Museveni. On the sidelines of this special message from Ugandan President His Excellency Yoweli Kaguta Museveni to his Burundian counterpart, His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, the two personalities took the opportunity to discuss the strengthening of relations of cooperation and friendship-

which date back a long time between the two countries. During this audience, they also addressed the worrying security issue within the region, particularly in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo, an issue that deserves special attention and solidarity from all the member countries of the region to fight against against terrorist groups like the ADF which must be put out of harming by combined actions, so that our Sub-Region is stable. (www.presidency.gov.bi)

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The Head of State calls on young people to also give priority to the teaching of trades for the economic development of the Country



During a visit he made on Wednesday January 12, 2022 to certain places of artistic production in Gitega, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE called on young Burundians to also prioritize, in their guidance, education trades to acquire skills useful for the economic development of their country.

At the Secondary Technical School of Art (ETSA) of Gitega, a school that provides artistic technical training such as painting, artistic drawing, decoration, computer

graphics, advertising, etc., His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE urged students who attend trade schools to study knowing that they will create their own jobs based on the knowledge they will have acquired in school.

In the Mushasha district, the Burundian Number One visited a sculptor known as Mr Lazare Rurerekana who makes various works of art from wood, clay and other raw materials available in Burundi. These are carved wooden objects such as drums, decorative items, portraits of great personalities who have marked the history of our country including the famous King Mwezi Gisabo, etc.

The Father of the Nation greatly appreciates these objects and recommends the Ministry in charge of art and culture to make a team of its staff available to work with this writer, in order to make a document relating to the history, art and culture of Burundi. (www.presidente.gov.bi)

The Head of State encourages agricultural activities, the basis of the Country's development.



During his vacation, the President of the Republic of Burundi Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, together with his wife, made a field visit on Tuesday January 11, 2022 to the Communes of Gitega, Giheta and Bugendana of the province Gitega, where he carries out agricultural development activities. In an interview with journalists, the President of the Republic let it be known that he thanks the good Lord

for having granted the Burundians a good country. He explained that Burundi is a country with a good climate and fertile soil, favorable to agro-pastoral development, he said. He is delighted that the Burundians are more and more aware that they must contribute to the building of their homeland, making it known that even the countries which are developed today have started by developing agriculture and breeding.

During this year dedicated to agriculture, the President of the Republic urges the Burundians to get down to agricultural activities. He appreciates that the population is joining more and more cooperatives, which he believes will lead to agro-pastoral development. And call on farmers to use selected seeds. The Head of State asks ISABU to make more efforts in the multiplication of selected seeds in order to increase agricultural production, to achieve effective development.

The President of the Republic indicated that agriculture is the basis of the development of the country

and it is thus that the non-exploited state lands are ceded to the cooperatives for the exploitation. He urg-

Towards the promotion of the Country's tourist sites



With the objective of promoting tourism within Burundi, the Head of State Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE with his family began on Friday January 07, 2022 a series of visits to the touristic and historical sites of the country.

Taking advantage of his government leave, the President of the Republic with his family paid a visit to various tourist places located in the Provinces of Bujumbura, Rumonge, Bururi, Rutana and Muramvya.

The first touristic site visited is that of Gakungwe in Bujumbura Province where the explorers Dr Livingstone and Stanley immortalized their historic meeting, by inscribing their names on a stone, since then nicknamed the Livingstone-Stanley stone.

After the Gakungwe Site, the presidential family visited the Resha Imperial Resort ex Saga Resha hotel. It is a historic place because, the Belgian colonist Albert Moss who was at the head of the non-partisans of the Independence of Burundi committed suicide there following the accession of our Country to Independence. According to the guide of this site, he had even prepared his grave in advance.

The third tourist spot visited by the Presidential Family is the Mugara thermal waters site in Rumonge province. These thermal waters have

therapeutic virtues according to testimonies on site.

The Head of State with his family ended the first day with a visit to the SUNSTONE Beach hotel built on the shores of Lake Tanganyika. It is an impressive tourist spot, offering a splendid view of Lake Tanganyika.

During the second day, the President of the Republic Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE and his Family visited the source of the Nile in Rutovu in the Province of Bururi. Herman Nahimana tourist guide to this site indicated that it is the southernmost source of the Nile river, discovered in 1934 by Dr Bourkart WALDEKER German explorer, after having crossed 6700km from Egypt on foot for 4 years. In order to immortalize his visit to Rutovu, Dr Bourkart WALDEKER erected a pyramid there.

After the visit to the source of the Nile, the Presidential Family visited the tourist site of Karera Falls in Musongati Commune of Rutana Province.

According to Karera Falls Tour Guide, this site includes 5 waterfall falls, cave, impressive biodiversity, beautiful scenery, sky bridge, several kinds of shrubs and others.

The other site visited by the Head of State is the historic site called "Treaty of Kiganda". At this place, dated June 6, 1903, a treaty between Robert Von BERINGE, German resident and King Mwezi Gisabo was signed.

Consequently, this German invasion resulted in the

destruction of the royal enclosures, the death of many supporters of the King of Burundi, the raid of cattle and the surrender of King Mwezi Gisabo thus formalizing German colonization and ending independence of Burundi, underlined Novence Nkeshimana, tourist guide at the Kiganda Treaty site.

Among the 9 clauses of Kiganda treaty between Robert Von BERINGE and King Mwezi Gisabo, we can cite the recognition of German supremacy; the payment by Mwezi Gisabo of 424 head of cattle for

Gisabo since 1899 and 74 head of cattle for the relatives of porters killed during the fight against the Germans; free supply of workers at the German station based in Bujumbura (then Usumbura), free supply of workers for the construction of the Usumbura-Muyaga road, officialization of freedom of movement and trade in Urundi, current Burundi. (www.rtnb.bi)

The tourism Ministry called for the development of the tourism industry



The President of the Republic of Burundi Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE in the company of his wife Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE and the Minister of Trade, Transport and Tourism Marie Chantal Nijimbere continued on Thursday January 13, 2022 his tour aimed at promoting the tourism industry, through the visit to the Ruvubu National Park. This park straddles 3 provinces: Karusi, Muyinga and Cankuzo up to the Tanzanian border and covers an area of 50,800 ha.

After a guided tour of this tourist heritage, Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE asked the Minister having tourism in his attributions, to set up a tourism development strategy, to better coordinate and exploit the tourist potential of Burundi. According to the manager of the Ruvubu National Park, this tourist site faces a lot of challenges including poaching, lack of personnel, security of forest guards, lack of shelters for tourists and the park which is not fencing.

Ruvubu park officials also showed the Head of State Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE some traps seized and which poachers use to capture the animals in the park. The President of the Republic Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE also visited a campsite which was being

fitted out by the National Tourist Office (ONT) and whose construction works are unfortunately at a standstill according to park officials, following the failure of the companies that had won the market.

Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE asked the Director General of ONT to draw up the report on the state of execution of this tourist campsite in the Ruvubu Park, before relaunching the work to attract tourists. He also called for the coordination of the tourism industry in order to avoid overlaps between state services working in this area.

On the sidelines of this visit to the park, the presidential couple granted food and non-food aid as part of wishing Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2022 to the orphans of the Orphanage Notre Dame de Lourdes located on Muremera hill in Kigamba Commune of Cankuzo province.

After Cankuzo province, the presidential couple visited their farm on Gashanga hill in Bugenyuzi commune in Cankuzo province. This heritage includes fields of hybrid corn spanning 190 hectares, soybeans over 4.5 hectares, sunflowers and potatoes.

In the same Commune of Bugenyuzi, the presidential couple also visited another agro-pastoral complex on Canzikiro hill with a field of banana plantations, corn, a cowshed, a pigsty and fish ponds. (www.rtnb.bi)

Adoption of the Bill ratifying the protocol on the privileges and immunities of the EAC



The National Assembly adopted on Tuesday, January 11th, 2022, the bill on the ratification by the Republic of Burundi of the Protocol on the privileges and immunities of the East African Community presented by the Minister of Foreign Affairs Albert Shingiro.

To the question of knowing the reason why Burundi has delayed in ratifying the Protocol on the privileges and immunities of the EAC signed in April 2015 in Arusha, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Albert Shingiro replied that it is due to the political situation of 2015, of which no one is unaware of the extent at the national and international level. This was followed by two main priority activities, namely the 2015 elections and the 2018 constitutional referendum. The period that followed until 2020 was devoted to activities related to strengthening internal security, economic recovery and 2020 elections.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs Albert Shingiro speci-

fies that the 41st meeting of the Council of Ministers recommended that Burundi ratify the Protocol and deposit the instruments of ratification no later than April 30, 2022 at the General Secretariat of the EAC. Burundi being a signatory member of the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the EAC, it is required to honor its commitment by confirming it by act of ratification. The entry into force of this Protocol is conditional on the deposit of the instruments of ratification with the General Secretariat of the EAC by all the Member States. And until today the General Secretariat has already obtained the ratification of four countries: Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda.

This extends its scope to the immunity of Community property and assets, protection of Community funds, Community tax exemptions, facilities relating to official communication, privileges and immunities of individuals employed in the service of the Community.

Then after ratification, the staff, premises, property and assets of the Community which are in Burundi will have immunity from legal proceedings. In addition, experts, consultants and delegates of Member States who provide services or provide services to the Community or who are in transit in Burundi to perform services will benefit from privileges and immunities to better accomplish their missions. (www.rtnb.bi)

Oral question session in the Senate



The Senators met in plenary at the Gitega hemicycle on Wednesday, January 12th, 2022, in a session of oral questions with debate. The Minister of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, Human Rights and Gender Minister Immelde Sabushimike was the guest of the day, to give answers to the questions of the population in

relation to the attributions of the said Ministry.

The Senators wanted to know what the Ministry in charge of National Solidarity intends to do so that children and women in street situations as well as the elderly can obtain health insurance cards. To this question, the Minister in charge of National Solidarity replied that her Ministry plans to buy

CAMs for the benefit of the vulnerable but that the main role falls to the Communes.

Minister Immelde Sabushimike also clarified that the lasting solution for the granting of CAM to vulnerable groups will come from the establishment of universal health coverage after the study on the financing of health care.

Asked what this Ministry intends to do to facilitate obtaining the certificate of indigence, the Minister in charge of National Solidarity indicated that the slowness is observed at the level of the administrative staff who are responsible for identifying and to grant these certificates to those who deserve them. She called on the municipal administrators responsible for issuing these documents to do so promptly and honestly.

Regarding the lamentations of the affiliates of the Public Service Mutual who are unable to find medicines in the pharmacies of the Mutual and who are obliged to buy them 100% in private pharmacies, the senators asked the Minister in charge of to ensure that the Public Service Mutual can improve its services to be competitive with private houses.

On this subject, Minister Immelde Sabushimike clarified that the Mutuelle de la Fonction has already signed a supply contract with the central purchasing body for medicines (CAMEBU) to avoid stock short-

ages.

Regarding the wish to harmonize the services of the INSS and the ONPR, Immelde Sabushimike specified that the ONPR will now align itself with the method of calculation of the INSS. Both institutions will use percentage mode instead of points.

Regarding the eradication of the phenomenon of street children and child labor in households and in small businesses, the Minister in charge of National Solidarity suggested that the Ministry will redouble its efforts in this fight. in collaboration with all the actors involved and the community.

The Senators also asked the question of what the Ministry in charge of National Solidarity recommends to eradicate sexual violence against women and girls. In this regard, Minister Immelde Sabushimike mentioned the continuation of awareness campaigns on the types of Gender-Based Violence to raise awareness of the role of each.

She also explained that her Ministry also advocates the repression of these crimes by condemning the perpetrators of GBV, the fight against amicable settlements and the strengthening of the economic resilience of the population to reduce their vulnerability to Violence Based on genre. (www.rtnb.bi)

The Minister in charge of National Defense visits the CMCK and HMK hospitals



The Minister of National Defense and Veterans Affairs, Alain Tribert Mutabazi paid a visit to the CMCK hospital in Kinindo and the military hospital in Kamenge on Thursday, January 12, 2022. The purpose of these visits is to become aware of the treatment and reception reserved for patients in these hospitals and to wish them a Merry Christmas and best wishes.

At the CMCK hospital in Kinindo, Alain Tribert Mutabazi visited disabled war veterans, the Minister having veterans in his attributions said that he came to see how the latter are treated by the staff of this hospital which has a partnership with the Ministry in charge of national defence.

Alain Tribert Mutabazi provided himself with an envelope of 40,000 BIF per person for 61 patients to wish them a Merry Christmas and best wishes.

At CMCK Hospital, some patients have raised their concerns related to overseas transfer and the issue of food for sick guards.

To these concerns the minister in charge of veterans said that their questions will be analyzed.

At the Kamenge military hospital, the Minister of National Defense and Veterans made an observation on the work process from reception to the pharmacy, from admission to discharge from the hospital. .

Patients have testified that they are well received but nevertheless deplore that on leaving the hospital, there is a slowness in granting discharge tickets. He suggested that the billing staff process files quickly.

Alain Tribert Mutabazi gave an envelope of 50 000 BIF per person to 20 vulnerable people and took this opportunity to appeal to technical and financial partners to support the military hospital of Kamenge especially in medical equipment.

Gahombo: the Burundian ombudsman grants sheets to the basic school of Nzeve



Burundian ombudsman Edouard Nduwimana, a native of Gahombo Commune,

granted on Tuesday January 11, 2020, 260 sheets to Ecofo Nzeve, in Gahombo Commune. A torrential rain mixed with violent winds had swept away the roof of 3 classrooms of this school as well as that of the branch of the Catholic Church of Nzeve.

Wishing a Merry Christmas and best wishes to the people of Gahombo, the Burundian Ombudsman called on everyone to do charitable gestures in case of need towards any vulnerable.

Edouard Nduwimana is delighted that the inhabitants of Gahombo are getting down to development work and calls on them to practice block agriculture to increase production.

The Burundian ombudsman reminded this population to continue to safeguard peace and security. And parents, he urges them to send their children to school so that they can prepare for their future. (www.rtnb.bi)

Gitega Regional Hospital: launch of the Hundred Years Jubilee Year (1922-2022)



The Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS, Dr Sylvie Nzeyimana proceeded on Monday January 10th, 2022 to the opening of the jubilee year 1922-2022 of the Regional Hospital of Gitega.

The opening ceremonies of the jubilee year of 100 years of the Regional Hospital of Gitega were characterized by the laying of the 1st building stone of the Mother-Child block Kira Muvyeyi by the Minister. The construction of this mother-child block of the Regional Hospital of Gitega will cost 8 billion Burundian francs with an execution time of 15 months and will be executed by OBUHA.

The Minister of Health Dr Sylvie Nzeyimana in a speech for the occasion congratulated the Regional Hospital of Gitega for its 100 years of existence in the service of the population, the various directors

who have run this hospital as well as all the staff without forgetting its partners.

The Medical Director of the Regional Hospital of Gitega, Dr Eric Ndiwokubwayo indicated that this hospital has a capacity of 321 beds. Its staff is made up of 318

units including 85 civil servants under statute and 233 permanent and temporary agents hired under hospital contract.

The Director of the HRG said that this hospital faces a number of challenges including the dilapidated premises, the cramped conditions of the services, the lack of medical specialists, the dilapidated condition of the cartage, etc.

Among the projects of the Regional Hospital of Gitega, there are various activities including the rehabilitation of the emergency and intensive care service, the rehabilitation of old buildings, the construction of the Kira Muvyeyi block, the recruitment of medical specialists, the provision of an apparatus hemodialysis, etc. underlined the medical director. (www.rtnb.bi)

The Minister in charge of Public Health and Fight against AIDS invites the population to respond massively



The Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS through its Expanded Vaccination Program (EVP) organized on tuesday january 11th, 2022 in Ngozi, a national social mobilization workshop on the vaccination campaign against Measles and Rubella coupled to the Mother-Child Health Week 2022 edition.

This vaccination campaign against Measles and Rubella coupled with the Mother-Child Health Week edition 2022 is organized with the support of development partners under the theme: "Together let's work to improve the health of Mother and Child".

This workshop for provincial administration, security, education and health officials aims to contribute to the reduction of morbidity and mortality attributable to vaccine-preventable diseases, intestinal parasitosis and malnutrition.

This workshop also aimed to prepare the vaccination campaign against Measles and Rubella coupled with the SSME which will take place from january 25 to 29, 2022. This campaign will concern children aged between 6 months and 14 years old as well as pregnant women whose pregnancies exceed 3 months.

The vaccination campaign against Measles and Rubella concerns children from 9 months to 5 years old, children from 6 months to 5 years old will receive vitamin A against blindness and other diseases.

Concerning the albendazole deworming campaign against intestinal worms will concern children from 1 to 14 years old and pregnant mothers with a pregnancy exceeding 3 months. Praziquantel deworming against bilharzia will be administered to children 5 years of age and over in 22 high-risk health districts.

During this vaccination campaign coupled with the SSME, culinary training sessions on balanced nutrition will be provided to mothers so that they prepare balanced meals in their households.

The Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS Sylvie Nzeyimana asked all the participants to make their own this vaccination campaign to achieve the objectives of the prevention figures. Minister Sylvie Nzeyimana invites the Burundian population to respond massively to this vaccination campaign in order to avoid morbidity and mortality. She praised the contribution of development partners who continue to support the Government of Burundi to conduct vaccination campaigns that reduce morbidity and mortality due to preventable diseases.

The Minister of Public Health Dr Sylvie Nzeyimana reminded the participants who had come from all the provinces of Burundi to continue to raise awareness of respect for the barrier measures against the COVID-19 pandemic. (www.rtnb.bi)

The Mayor of the city of Bujumbura pleads for the success of the SSME campaign



na met on thursday, january 13, 2022, the health

The Mayor of the city of Bujumbura Jimmy Hatungimana

personnel working in the Town Hall of Bujumbura with the aim of mobilizing the actors in terms of vaccination in the Town Hall of Bujumbura so that the latter is a success.

This meeting was organized for Directors in charge of education, local administrators and representatives of civil society. This campaign will concern children aged between 6 months and 14 years as well as pregnant women whose pregnancies exceed 3

months.

In his introductory remarks, the Mayor of the city of Bujumbura recalled that the City of Bujumbura was ranked last during the vaccination campaign last year. Jimmy Hatungimana then asked for the contribution of everyone as far as he is concerned to get the Bujumbura Town Hall out of this ladder from the last place.

In their various interventions, the participants including the directors of the health districts and the educators, they raised certain constraints during the realization of this last campaign. In Mukaza Commune, the Director of the health district indicated that the errors are in the statistics of children to be vaccinated.

As for the administrators, they wanted foreigners living in the municipality of Bujumbura to be involved too. For the directors of education, two schools, in-

cluding the Belgian school and the French school, refuse to allow their students to be vaccinated. The Mayor of the city of Bujumbura recommended a strong sensitization to these schools so that they follow the model of other public, private or foreign schools, with a view to the elimination of measles and rubella in Burundi.

The vaccination campaign against measles and rubella concerns children from 9 months to 5 years old, children from 6 months to 5 years old will receive vitamin A against blindness and other diseases. For the albendazole deworming campaign against intestinal worms, the children concerned by this campaign are those aged between 1 and 14 years and pregnant mothers with a pregnancy exceeding 3 months. (www. Rtnb.bi)

The Commissioner General of the OBR organizes raids throughout the country



The Commissioner General of the Burundian Revenue Office OBR

Jean Claude Manirakiza, paid a visit to the services of this office which are located in the province of Gitega. He indicated that such visits were made in the Provinces of Kayanza, Ngozi, Muyinga, Cankuzo and Ruyigi.

The Commissioner General of the OBR makes it

known that these raids in the various Posts of the OBR throughout the Country are an opportunity for him to inquire about the living and working conditions of the teams working inside the Country.

In the various departments of the OBR, Commissioner General Jean Claude Manirakiza was able to notice imperfections which, he said, will be easily resolved.

During his visits to the various departments of the OBR, Jean Claude Manirakiza recalled the various accusations against agents who collect revenue for the OBR. He also exchanged with the OBR agents on the projects to be implemented for the promotion of the collection of taxes and duties, specified the Commissioner General of the OBR. (www.rtnb.bi)

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