



**Burundians commemorate the 31st anniversary of the assassination of the hero of democracy, President Melchior Ndadaye**



**O**n Monday, October 21, 2024, the President of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, accompanied by his wife and other high-ranking officials of the country, attended the ceremonies commemorating the 31st anniversary of the assassination of the late President Melchior Ndadaye, the first democratically elected President of Burundi, who was assassinated on October 21, 1993.

The ceremonies began with a moment of meditation and the laying of two

wreaths of flowers by the presidential couple, one at the tomb of the late President Melchior Ndadaye, Hero of Democracy, and another at the monument to the unknown martyr, at the mausoleum of the Martyrs of Democracy, commonly known as 'Kwa Ndadaye' in Bujumbura town hall.

In addition to the Presidential Couple, the Presidents of the two chambers of the Burundian Parliament, the Vice-President of the Republic, the Prime Minister, the President of the Supreme Court, the President of the Constitutional Court, former President of the Republic Sylvestre Ntibantunganya and senior members of the army and police were also present.

The ceremonies marking this commemoration ended with a requiem mass in memory of the Hero of Democracy, celebrated at Regina Mundi Cathedral. **(Presidency)**

**President Evariste Ndayishimiye inaugurates the TEREZIYA Polyclinic in Gihosha**

**A**fter the activities related to the commemoration of the 31st anniversary of the assassination of Melchior Ndadaye, Hero of democracy, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi, proceeded on October

21, 2024, to the inauguration of the TEREZIYA Clinic, located in GIHOSHA district in Bujumbura Town Hall. The clinic is owned by businessman Jean Népomucène Nkurunziza. The clinic was built and equipped at a cost of 25 billion Burundian francs. It has a

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total staff of 110, including 23 specialist doctors and 8 general practitioners, and uses the latest generation of modern equipment.

It is a multi-specialist hospital of modern class comprising general medicine, internal medicine, paediatrics, neonatology, ophthalmology, gynaecology-obstetrics, resuscitation, cardiology ECG, diabetology, paediatrics, surgery, medical imaging and laboratory (varied range, hormone, tumour markers, Ge expert: viral loads: hepatitis B and C, Human Immunodeficiency Virus(HIV), Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), Mycobacteria Tuberculosis (MTB).

The Head of State encouraged businessman Jean Népomucène Nkurunziza to move forward.



"Businessmen such as this one, who are committed to achieving the vision of Burundi as an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060, are to be supported and encouraged", said Burundi's Number One, noting with satisfaction that most of the clinic's workers are young people.

The clinic also uses teleconsultation and the very modern laparoscopy column, a minimally invasive surgical technique for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes. It's a very modern hospital that solves the problem of patients who were obliged to seek treatment for certain conditions abroad due to the lack of specialists or medical techniques available in Burundi. **(Presidency)**

## President Ndayishimiye mobilises the Burundian population to register for the 2025 elections



On October 22, 2024, Burundi's Head of State, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, took the initiative of registering for the 2025 elections, accompanied by his wife, HE Angeline Ndayishimiye. This symbolic step took place at Musama, his native village in Giheta commune, Gitega Province,

marking the beginning of preparations for this crucial election.

On this occasion, Burundi's Number One launched a vibrant appeal to his compatriots to commit themselves massively to this democratic process. He stressed the importance of registration as a civic duty, inviting every citizen to take an active part in the election of their leaders.

This message aims to strengthen civic engagement among the population, emphasizing that every voice counts in shaping the future of Burundi.

This initiative illustrates His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye's commitment to participatory and democratic governance, while encouraging a culture of responsibility among Burundians in the run-up to the 2025 elections. **(Presidency)**



## President Ndayishimiye receives the credentials of twelve new Ambassadors



**O**n Tuesday October 22, 2024, the Head of State of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, granted audiences to twelve new ambassadors who came to present their letters of credence accrediting them as Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Burundi.

These ambassadors are Mrs Gentiana Serbu representing the Republic of Romania with residence in Nairobi; Mrs Vu Thanh Huyen, Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam with residence in Dar Es Salaam; Mrs Sabah Fedel residing in Bujumbura and representing the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria; Mrs Danjela Cubrilo Martić,

new Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Republic of Serbia to Burundi with residence in Nairobi; Mr Sekou Alhssane Camara, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Republic of Guinea to Burundi with residence in Kinshasa; Mrs Fatima Yesenia Fernandez Jaurez, new Ambassador of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela with residence in Kampala; the new French Ambassador to Burundi, Mr Sebastien Minot, with residence in Bujumbura; Mrs Companera Nadeska Imaracuthbert Carlson, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Republic of Nicaragua to Burundi with residence in Harare; Mr Fahad Rashid Saqr Al Muraikhl, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the State of Qatar to Burundi; the new Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Republic of Tunisia to Burundi, Mr Anouar Ben Youssef; Mrs Einat Weiss, the new Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the State of Israel to Burundi, and finally the new Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Republic of Ireland to Burundi, Mrs Nicolas Brennan.

The 12 ambassadors expressed their commitment to strengthening relations of friendship and cooperation between Burundi and their respective countries.

Welcoming them to Burundi, Burundi's Number One, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, briefly outlined the country's priority economic development programs, including the resource mobilization table scheduled for December. "Investors are welcome to come and see where they can invest", he said, stressing that Burundi will need investors as well as development partners to help implement the Vision of Burundi as an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060. **(Presidency)**

## The President of the Republic inaugurates the Kabu 16 hydroelectric power station in Cibitoke

**O**n Friday October 25, 2024, the Head of State of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, inaugurated the Kaburantwa 16 hydroelectric power station on Muremera hill in Buganda commune of Cibitoke Province.

This hydroelectric project, estimated to cost 106 million US dollars, has a generating capacity of 20 MW. The power station is supplied by the Ka-

burantwa 16 hydroelectric dam, which stretches over the Rugano, Ngoma and Rema hills in Murwi Commune, as Burundi's Prime Minister explained during a guided tour of the site prior to the inauguration.

In his speech on the occasion, the President of the Republic of Burundi expressed his satisfaction that the implementation of this project had been a success, even though it had encountered a number of challenges. He



thanked the Indian company Angelique International Limited for carrying out the work, thanks to the good cooperation between Burundi and India. He urged the population to take advantage of this electrical energy to initiate development projects.

"Now that you have electricity, everyone should start carrying out activities that will enable them to increase their income"

The Head of State of Burundi also instructed the Minister of Hydraulics, Energy and Mines to invite investors to come and set up various development projects in order to harness this electrical energy acquired in a win-win partnership.

In an expression of solidarity with the people of the Ntahangwa neighborhood, who have not had access to drinking water for several days following the slippage of the supports of the DN700 ductile iron water pipe on Ntahangwa Bridge, Burundi's President visited the bridge to see how the repair work was progressing.

The President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, was told by the Director General of Regideso, Lt. Col. Dr. Ir Jean Albert Manigomba, that the work of repairing, upgrading and installing new supports is well under way, and that the neighborhoods affected by the breakdown will soon have drinking water again. **(Presidency)**

### Kigamba: Celebration of World Mental Health Day 2024



**U**nder the High Patronage of the First Lady of Burundi, H.E Angeline Ndayishimiye, the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS, through its National Integrated Program for the Fight against Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases, in collaboration with its partners in the mental health sector, celebrated the World Mental Health Day 2024 in Cankuzo on Friday October 25, 2024. This year's theme was: "It's time to prioritize mental health in the workplace".

The Governor of Cankuzo province, Boniface Banyiyezako, welcomed the initiative of the Minister of

Public Health and the Fight against AIDS in choosing to celebrate the World Mental Health Day in Kigamba commune, in the province. He took the opportunity to ask the Ministry to provide the province with a center to care for people suffering from mental disorders.

The Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS, Madame Lyduine Baradahana, said that this year's theme was an opportunity to raise awareness of the need for everyone to carefully manage mental health issues in the workplace. He encouraged everyone to avoid any behavior likely to disturb or worsen the mental health of those around them.

According to Xavier Crespin, representative of the World Health Organisation (WHO), the factors that damage mental health are stigmatisation, discrimination, exposure to risks such as harassment and other poor working conditions. These factors, he said, can significantly compromise mental health and overall quality of life, and thus adversely affect participation and productivity at work.

Having already established a dedicated mental health service within the Fondation Bonne Action Umugirane-

za, the country's First Lady, H.E. Angeline Ndayishimiye, urged the Ministry of Public Health and AIDS Control to integrate a specific mental health service into its existing health services. She also

suggested that those responsible for developing higher education programs should create programs focusing on the care of people with mental health problems. (RTNB)

### The President of the Senate calls for the recommendations made by parliamentarians to be implemented



**O**n Thursday October 24, 2024, the President of the Senate, the Right Honourable Emmanuel Sinzohagera, accompanied by his two Vice-Presidents, the Honorable Denise Ndadaye and the Honorable Fabrice Nkurunziza, listened to the presentation by the Prime Minister, Lieutenant General of Police Gervais Ndirakobuca, of the Report on the Implementation of the Government's Work Plan and Annual Budget for the second half of the 2023-2024 financial year, in accordance with Article 168, paragraph 4 of the Constitution of Burundi, before the two chambers of parliament meeting in congress in Kigobe.

This report shows the planned programs containing concrete actions and activities to be carried out while complying with the National Development

Plan (NDP). In his presentation, the Prime Minister indicated that the main activities carried out are divided into 4 areas: political, economic, social and environmental.

He said that overall, the rate of implementation of activities was 80.43%, while the rate of budget implementation was 80.09%, and that they had encountered a number of shortcomings, particularly in the implementation of the program budget, given that this was a new program for which the experts were not well trained.

Among their concerns, the parliamentarians asked whether the government had made provision in the program budget for capacity-building for the experts who will be implementing the program budget; whether those who bought sugar at a high price before the price review will be reimbursed; the presentation of mid-term achievements by each ministry, and many others.

In his speech, the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera called for the implementation of the recommendations made by parliamentarians and to categorize them in order to quantify them as far as possible in order to find clear answers on the achievements already made with a view to properly monitoring government action. (Senate)

### The Burundian Ombudsman calls on the population to register for the 2025 elections



**O**n October 22, 2024, the Burundian Ombudsman Aimé Laurentine Kanyana registered on the electoral roll in Muremera, her native village, located in the commune and province of Ngozi, for the 2025 elections, in order to be able to

exercise her right to vote in these elections.

She explained that taking part in the elections enables citizens to have leaders that they themselves have elected. She stressed the importance for every Burundian to elect worthy leaders who will implement national development projects.

In her message, the Burundian Ombudsman said that the action she had just taken was intended to guarantee her right to vote in the 2025 elections. She invited all Burundians of voting age to register so as not to miss this important opportunity to elect their leaders. (RTNB)



## The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation receives the credentials of ten new ambassadors



**O**n Monday October 21, 2024, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, His Excellency Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO, received in audience ten Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassadors who came to present him the copies of their credentials.

It concerns Madame Gentiana SERBU, the newly appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Romania accredited to Burundi, residing in Nairobi, Mrs Vu Thanh Huyen, the appointed Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam with residence in Dar-Es-Salaam, Mrs DANIJELA Čubrilmartć, the appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Serbia to Burundi, with residence in Nairobi, Mr Sekou Alhassane CAMARA, appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Guinea to Burundi, with residence in Kinshasa, Mrs Fátima Yesenia Fernandes Juárez, appointed Ambassador of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to Burundi, with residence in Kampala, Mrs Compañera Nadeska Imara Cuthbert Carlson, appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Nicaragua to Burundi, with residence in Harare, Mr Fahad

Rashid Saqr Al Muraikhi, appointed Ambassador of the State of Qatar to Burundi, with residence in Dar-Es-Salaam, Mr Anouar Ben Youssef, appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Tunisia to Burundi, with residence in Nairobi, Mrs Einat Weiss, appointed Ambassador of the State of Israel to Burundi, with residence in Kigali, and appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Ireland to Burundi, with residence in Dar-Es-Salaam, Mrs Nicola Brennan.

During their exchanges, all these Ambassadors reaffirmed their full commitment to further promoting the bilateral relations that unite their respective countries with Burundi, especially in areas of common interest.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, His Excellency Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO, welcomed them to Burundi, a country full of opportunities, as it has many areas that have not yet been harnessed, and called on them to attract investors from their home countries to come and explore Burundi. **(MFADC)**

## Buramata: Viettel provides assistance to victims of torrential rains

**O**n Thursday October 24, 2024 the Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to Burundi, Mr Vu Thanh Huyen, and Viettel Burundi (Lumitel) distributed metal sheets to help the victims of the torrential rains that fell on the village of Buramata located in Gihanga Commune.

The Provincial Governor of Bubanza, Cléophas Nizigiyimana, said that the donation of metal sheets by the telecommunications company Viettel was not for

sale. He asked the 29 beneficiary families to use them to cover their homes in order to improve their living conditions.

He expressed his gratitude to Ambassador Vu Thanh Huyen for the social actions that Viettel has already carried out in Bubanza. He highlighted the assistance to community advisors who received mobile phones and the donation of mattresses to boarding students.

Salvator Nshimirimana, Director of Infrastructure at the



Ministry of Communication, Information Technologies and Media, praised Viettel's charitable act. He asked the company to provide telephone network coverage in certain remote areas of Bubanza province that need it. (RTNB)



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## **PRESS RELEASE Nr 13/2024 OF THE MINISTERS' COUNCIL OF WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 23, 2024**

The Council of Ministers met on Wednesday October 23, 2024, in Bujumbura, under the presidency of His Excellency the President of the Republic, Major General Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE.

After the presentation and validation of the agenda, His Excellency the President of the Republic invited the Prime Minister to present a summary of the observations from the preparatory meeting of the Council of Ministers that took place on October 3, 4 and 14, 2024, which was dedicated to the prior analysis of the same items listed on the agenda.

### **1. National Defense Policy Documents and Sectoral Strategy, Presented by the Minister of National Defense and Veterans**

This National Defense Policy, aligned with the Vision of Burundi as an Emerging Country by 2040 and a Developed Country by 2060, as well as the Revised National Development Plan, outlines the main directives and orientations of the Government through the Ministry responsible for national defense, which the National Defense Force of Burundi implements to organize and consolidate the national defense system.

In this policy, the missions of the National Defense Force of Burundi are clearly defined, and the relationships with other security actors are taken into account.

The implementation of this Policy is carried out through the development and execution of the Sectoral Strategy.

After discussion and debate, both documents were adopted with the recommendation that all policies and sectoral strategies align with the 2040-2060 framework.

### **2. Draft decree on the management of electronic communication equipment and terminals connectable to networks,**

**Presented by the Minister of Communication, Information Technologies and Media.**

The Mobile Terminal has become a particularly useful tool today. However, challenges exist on several fronts, notably regarding non-compliance, non-certification, counterfeiting and more.

Today, fraud related to mobile terminals poses a real challenge for mobile operators, consumers, and governments. The concerned institutions and stakeholders in the sector are struggling to cope with this growing phenomenon, given the innovative and creative efforts deployed by individuals and organizations involved in this illicit activity.

To address this imperative, it is urgent to establish a decree that aligns with international and regional trends and sets forth general principles. This will be implemented through a Ministerial Order that will define the conditions, modalities and procedures for managing electronic communication devices that can be connected to public networks.

Following the analysis, the project was adopted with adjustments to be made in both substance and form.



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**3. Draft decree establishing, defining the missions, organization, and functioning of the National Committee for Monitoring the Implementation of the Pact for Food and Agriculture in Burundi, Presented by the Minister of Environment, Agriculture, and Livestock.**

The main objective of establishing the National Committee for Monitoring the Implementation of the Pact for Food and Agriculture in Burundi is to mobilize political, technical and financial support to ensure a harmonious, effective, and rapid implementation of the agreements reached during the Dakar Summit on the theme "Feeding Africa."

This is the best way to support Burundian agricultural sector and translate into action the political will and commitment of the Government to transform the agricultural sector. The national pact for food and agriculture will focus on the establishment and development of two agro-poles, one in Karusi and another in Cibitoke, centered on four value chains: rice, maize, pork, and poultry.

After discussion and debate, the project was adopted with some corrections in substance and form.

**4. Note regarding the holding of the Annual General Assembly and Scientific Conference of Surgeons of East, Central, and Southern Africa (COSECSA),**

**Presented by the Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS**

Burundi has been chosen to host the Annual General Assembly and Scientific Conference of Surgeons of East, Central, and Southern Africa (COSECSA) from November 30 to December 5, 2025.

This event is organized annually and in rotation by each member country. It is an important statutory meeting for the strategic planning of policies aimed at increasing the number of surgeons in the region and partner countries, including Burundi, through training and accreditation programs.

The purpose of this note is to request the Government to host the COSECSA General Assembly in December 2025 and to sponsor the event at the highest level in all organizational and logistical aspects. After discussion, the Council of Ministers has given its approval for the preparations to host this General Assembly and has recommended collaboration with the Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research in these preparations.

**5. Miscellaneous**

His Excellency the President of the Republic asked the members of the Government to identify, each in their sector, the priorities in terms of projects and to mobilize investors accordingly. He asked them to anticipate the means and ways to implement these projects.

He also indicated that the political situation is calm on the eve of the 2025 elections, unlike in previous periods, which is a sign of the country's stability and political maturity of Burundians. However, he lamented the persistence of corruption and injustice towards the population. He called for all necessary efforts to fight against these phenomena. Finally, he reminded Burundian Executives that they must lead by example and register before others in preparation for this upcoming electoral event, which is not only a right but also a duty.

**Done in Bujumbura, on October 24, 2024  
The State Secretary General**

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