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Visiting Burundi since August 12, 2025, His Eminence Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State of the Vatican, was received on August 13, 2025 by the President of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, at the Ntare Rushatsi Presidential Palace, where they first had a tête-a-tête

meeting.

In an open meeting, bringing together leaders of the Burundian Catholic Church, some members of the Government and other senior officials of the country, the discussions focused

on strengthening relations between the Holy See and Burundi. The Head of State welcomed the contribution of the Catholic Church to national development, emphasizing the fruitful relations with the Vatican and extending his gratitude for the installation of the basilica in Mugera.

In the presence of the President of the Republic and the Secretary of State of the Vatican, seven agreements were signed between the Burundian Ministers and Mgr Bonaventure Nahimana, President of the Episcopal Conference of Burundi, in the sectors of health, education, the correctional system, security, and refugees in

order to strengthen the relations established over 60 years.

His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin was honored with the Burundian people's friendship, in tribute to his visit and the contribution of the Catholic Church to social projects, including the laying of the foundation stone of a hospital in Minago, in memory of the assassinated Apostolic Nuncio.

The visit ended with a moment of prayer and blessing for the Burundian Head of State, preceded by the signature in the guestbook by Cardinal Pietro Parolin. **(Presidency)**

Official presentation of the Governor of Bujumbura and the Administrator of Mukaza by President Evariste Ndayishimiye



The Head of State, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, proceeded on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, to the official presentation of the new Governor of the province of Bujumbura, Major General Aloys Ndayikengurukiye, as well as the Administrator of the commune of Mukaza, Mrs. Aline Bigirimana, in front of a jubilant crowd from the different communes gathered at the Intwari stadium.

In his address, the President of the Republic first explained the reasons behind the country's new administrative circumscription, which reduced the number of provinces from 18 to 5. According to Head of State, this reform aims to ensure a more equitable distribution of the national budget among the provinces and to transform each of them into a true development hub. He emphasized that each province will have to design

and implement projects specific to its realities, in a spirit of competitiveness.

The Head of State also specified that all ministries will now have provincial departments responsible for monitoring development projects, with their own budgets, under the coordination of the Governors. As for the elected representatives of the people, they were urged to remain alert and faithfully represent the interests of their constituents in order to guarantee their well-being.

President Ndayishimiye also recommended the new Governor to visit all 11 communes in the province to know the concerns of the population. "Don't just stay in the city of Bujumbura. Go to the field to find solutions to the population's problems," the President advised.

The President of the Republic of Burundi concluded by recalling the two new leaders of the importance of servant leadership to citizens, problem-solving, safeguarding peace and security, as well as integrity and loyalty. He called on them to design and implement projects aimed at prosperity, in accordance with the National Vision 2040-2060.

Governor Mr. Aloys Ndayikengurukiye and Administrator Mrs. Aline Bigirimana, in turn, expressed their deep gratitude to the Head of State for the trust bestowed to them while assuring to implement the guidelines and advice so as to improve the well-being of the population of Bujumbura province. **(Presidency)**

President Ndayishimiye continues to encourage private investors

On Wednesday, August 13, 2025, as part of encouraging private investors the Burundian Head of State, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, visited Lifeway Compagny owned by Mr. Prosper Ndangamira in Buringa, in the commune of Mpanda .

Specializing in cattle breeding, the company currently produces 16 000 liters of milk per day and transforms some of it into cheese.

The success of this business is a result of the care of its flock and the techniques of mixing and preserving grass for the cattle, even in times of shortage. Thus, silage in pits and baling make it possible to preserve



grass for approximately 800 cattle in this barn and for sale. (Presidency)

President Ndayishimiye officially presents the new Governor of Butanyerera and the Administrator of Ngozi



The Burundian Head of State, His Excellency Évariste Ndayishimiye , proceeded on August 14, 2025, at the Agasaka stadium , to the official presentation of the new Governor of the

province of Butanyerera , Brigadier General Victor Segasago as well as the communal Administrator of Ngozi, Mr. Dominique Ndikuryayo .

In his address, the President of the Republic welcomed the good leadership emerging from the 2025 elections and expressed satisfaction with the initiatives already undertaken by the provincial authorities to generate foreign currency and boost development. He praised the progress already made by the people of Butanyerera and encouraged them to continue on this path.

The Head of State urged the new officials to remain exemplary servants of the population, to ensure effective coordination of provincial services, to make regular visits to all communes in order to listen to the concerns of citizens and to provide concrete solutions.

He also called on the population to work hard, protect the environment, make better use of rainwater and carefully follow the instructions of their leaders.

The Governor Victor Segasago and Administrator Dominique Ndikuryayo expressed their deep gratitude to the President and the population for the trust bestowed to them. They assured that they will spare no effort to serve citizens with commitment and contribute to the sustainable improvement of their well-being.

It should be noted that the ceremonies for the solemn presentation of these leaders took place before a large crowd from all corners of the province. (Presidency)

Presentation by President Ndayishimiye of the New Communal Administrator of Ntahangwa



The President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, presented, on Thursday, August 14, 2025, the new administrator of the extended Commune of Ntahangwa, Mr. Alexis Havyarimana, before the new governor, residents and nationals of this commune gathered at the

Maramvya stadium.

President Ndayishimiye proudly welcomed the success of the 2025 elections, which he described as a clear sign of Burundi's political maturity, ready to elect competent leaders committed to serving the country, promoting good governance, and driving development. He then urged the new leader of Ntahangwa commune to lead by example by initiating and implementing development projects focused on the well-being of citizens. He instructed him to listen to the population and respect the Law.

He reiterated the crucial importance of making responsible choices, notably during the 2025 community-level elections, before emphasizing that certain profiles, such as people known for immoral or reprehensible behavior, including prostitutes, drunkards and fraudsters, should not be eligible for positions of responsibility.

He also took this opportunity to discourage unjustified criticism of government policy, which assumed the risk of temporary power outages during REGIDESO's hydroelectric dams' interconnection work. He instead recalled that these efforts have increased power production from 47 to more than 166 MW. **(Presidency)**

President Evariste Ndayishimiye and the First Lady on pilgrimage to Mugera welcome the gift of the Mugera Minor Basilica



The Burundian Head of State, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye and the First Lady of Burundi Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye made a pilgrimage to Mugera on August 15, 2025 and participated in two major events: the Proclamation of the Granting of the Title of Minor Basilica to the Church

of the Parish of Saint Anthony of Padua in Mugera and the Solemn Mass of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. During the first event, His Excellency the President of the Republic signed together with His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin the act establishing the Basilica of Mugera as common property of the Church and the State of Burundi. Before the mass celebration in honor of the Assumption of Mary, the Head of State delivered a welcome speech and thanks for the granting of the Basilica by the Holy See and for the pilgrimage of Cardinal Parolin to the Holy Mountain of Mugera which also belonged to the two greatest Kings of Burundi, NTARE Rugamba and Mwezi GISABO.

He invited the Pope to come and celebrate Mass in his Basilica in Mugera and took this opportunity to ask the Pope to choose a Burundian bishop whom he would elevate to the rank of Cardinal, for the glory of God.

His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin expressed his joy at finding himself a pilgrim on Burundian soil in the footsteps of Saint Pope John Paul II, who was delighted in

September 1990 to celebrate Mass and pray near the Marian Shrine of Mugera.

Cardinal Parolin extended deep gratitude to His Excellency the President of the Republic for the words of greeting and welcome addressed to him and for expressing the wish to contribute to the construction of a Basilica in Mugera. He also thanked the Christian pilgrims to have imitated the Virgin Mary who climbed the mountain to visit her cousin Elizabeth. According to Cardinal Parolin, his visit to Mugera was to proclaim the closeness of His Holiness the

Pope to the Church of Burundi. He declared that the believers of Burundi are "the most beautiful living Basilica", "the Major Basilica".

At the end of the Assumption Mass, His Excellency the President of the Republic of Burundi and his Spouse went to prostrate themselves before the Virgin Mary in union with all the Bishops for a consecration prayer in favor of Burundi, just as the Bishops of Burundi did in 1961 alongside Prince Louis RWAGASORE.

(**Presidency**)

Uvinza – Musongati railway by President Ndayishimiye and Tanzanian Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa



The President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye , and the Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania, His Excellency Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa , jointly proceeded, on August 16, 2025, to the official launch of the construction works of the Uvinza – Musongati railway .

In his speech, the Tanzanian Minister of Transport stated that this railway line will extend over 282 kilo-

meters and will include eight stations, three in Burundi and five in Tanzania. The duration of the work is estimated at six years. Ultimately, this structuring project will significantly reduce the cost of transporting goods and people between the two countries, while strengthening economic integration and trade.

The Burundian Head of State, His Excellency Évariste Ndayishimiye , expressed his deep gratitude to his colleague, Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, as well as to development partners for their firm commitment to the realization of this historic project. "Thank you for your support in building this path, which will be a major lever for the achievement of Vision 2040–2060," he said.

For his part, the Tanzanian Prime Minister, His Excellency Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa , extended his warm congratulations to the Burundian people for the successful holding of the June 2025 elections, before assuring that this railway project, the first of its kind to directly link two member states of the East African Community, will be executed and completed within the agreed timeframe.

These ceremonies of historic significance, which took place on Rubara hill, in Musongati commune, Burunga province, were also honored by the presence of dignitaries from both countries and a large population from Tanzania and Burunga province, reflecting the capital importance of this project in strengthening the bonds of friendship, cooperation and solidarity between Burundi and the United Republic of Tanzania.(**Presidency**)

President Ndayishimiye works for a strong and lasting partnership with Qatar



The President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, received in audience on Saturday evening, August 16, 2025, at the Kiriri Palace, a strong delegation from the royal family of Qatar led by His Highness Sheikh Mansour Bin Jabor Bin Jassim Al Thani.

His Highness arrived at the head of a large delegation from the Al Massour Holding Group, a powerful conglomerate with various investments in several countries, particularly in the infrastructure, mining, banking, tourism, agriculture, cybersecurity and digital transformation sectors.

This delegation, led at the highest level, came to express the commitment of the State of Qatar and particularly that of His Majesty the King of Qatar to support Burundi on the path towards emergence.

This initiative matches with the call made by the President of the Republic of Burundi in December 2024, during the Investors' Round Table, where he officially invited international investors to support the country in its Vision 2040-2060.

The audience allowed the Burundian Head of State to present, once again, the numerous opportunities offered by Burundi, mainly abundant mineral resources, strong potential in agro-livestock farming, tourism, infrastructure, as well as a climate of peace, security, good governance and democracy, all essential assets for sustainable and inclusive development.

During this meeting, His Highness conveyed the fraternal greetings of the King of Qatar and reaffirmed, on behalf of the Al Massour Holding Group, the firm will of the Qatari sovereign to support the Burundian Government in its path towards emergence. He also announced a strategic decision to invest massively in several key sectors such as agriculture, mining, tourism, banking, cybersecurity, digital transformation and telecommunications, etc.

This audience was an opportunity for the two dignitaries to reaffirm their shared commitment to building mutually beneficial cooperation and moving together towards a more thriving future.

The Ministers responsible of the relevant sectors have been given the primary mandate to ensure the rigorous monitoring of the agreements that will be concluded during this historic visit, which marks a turning point towards strengthened cooperation between Burundi and Qatar.

Finally, this visit is an honor for Burundi and a tangible evidence of the State of Qatar's interest in this partnership. As His Highness emphasized, Burundi is the very first country visited as part of his official mission, which demonstrates Burundi as a priority in Qatar's strategic ambitions and the Qatari King's unshakable commitment as well. (**Presidency**)

Cardinal Pietro Parolin's Welcome to Burundi: A Historic Moment

In the afternoon of August 12, 2025, at Melchior NDANDAYE International Airport, the Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Mr. Prosper Bazombanza, accompanied by the Minister of Home Affairs, Community Development and Public Security, Honorable Léonidas NDARUZANYE, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Development Cooperation, His Excellency Ambassador Édouard BIZIMANA, as well as civil and religious authority, welcomed His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, who is on a working, friendship and pastoral visit to

Burundi from August 12 to 18, 2025.

In his statement to the press, he conveyed the Pope's greetings to the Head of State, the civil and religious authorities, and the entire Burundian population. He also recalled Burundians of the powerful words of Pope John Paul II during his visit to Burundi 35 years ago: "Daughters and sons of Burundi, it is the future of your nation that you must shape for yourselves. Unite your efforts with one heart to strengthen the physical and moral health of your people. Prepare your youth, who need self-confidence and peace, a homeland where it is good to live. Work with perseverance for the develop-



ment of your country, so that the land bears fruit, that everyone finds a job suited to the gifts they have received; that no one feels excluded or tempted to seek refuge in deadly marginalization. Your tasks are great and heavy, but I am certain that you are capable of accomplishing them together, in unity and rec-

onciliation."

He specified that this visit has a dual character, both civil and religious, coinciding with the celebration of the 60th anniversary diplomatic relations between Burundi and the Holy See. It also follows the visit of the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, to the Holy See in 2022, as well as the opening of the Resident Embassy of Burundi to the Vatican. This guest of honor plans to meet with senior authorities of Burundi to discuss current global issues. It should also be noted that His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin will also participate in the inauguration of a monument and the laying of the foundation stone of a health center in memory of the late Monsignor Michael Courtney, Apostolic Nuncio, assassinated in Burundi. **(MAEIRCD)**

The Senate of Burundi establishes its standing committees



The Senate of Burundi met on Tuesday 12 August 2025 in plenary session in the Gitega Hemicycle in order to set up standing committees and adopt weekly agenda of the session. Following the discussions, three standing committees were established:

- Committee on Political, Diplomatic, Defence and Security Affairs, as well as Relations with the Legislative Assembly of the East African Community.

This committee will deal with political and diplomatic issues, the organization of defense and security, the status of military and security personnel, as well as relations with the Legislative Assembly of the East African Community.

- Committee on institutional, legal, administrative, decentralization, fundamental rights and freedoms, and monitoring of representativeness in institutions. It will address issues related to the organization of

public administration, the management of territorial and local entities, monitoring compliance with institutional balances, as well as issues of transport and decentralization. It will also address issues related to gender, the fight against gender-based violence, equal opportunities between men and women, female leadership, and the socio-economic situation of women.

- Committee on economic, financial, budgetary, environmental, social, youth, sports and cultural matters.

This commission will be responsible for economic reforms, fiscal, budgetary and monetary issues, good governance of the State. It will also address agro-pastoral and environmental issues, urban planning, energy, housing, regional development, labor and social security, public health, national solidarity, repatriation and reintegration, as well as issues related to population, education, and scientific research. It will also be responsible for combatting AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis, and poverty.

The three standing committees of the Senate will be headed respectively by Senator Sabine Ntakarutimana, Berchmans Nzoyihaya and Imelde Sabushimike. In addition, Senator Cyriaque Nshimirimana was appointed first quaestor, while Senator Joséphine Nyiraneza was appointed second quaestor. **(RTNB)**

The new Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Development Cooperation receives the Chinese Ambassador to Burundi in audience



On August 11, 2025, HE Ambassador Edouard BIZIMANA, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Development Cooperation, received in audience the Chinese Ambassador to Burundi, Ms. Zhao Jiangping, for a courtesy visit. In general, Ms. Zhao Jiangping came to convey the congratulatory message from the Chinese Communist Party and the Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs, HE Mr. Wang Yi. They also discussed on issues of common interest and the prospects for boosting bilateral relations between Burundi and China, notably through strengthening existing cooperation frameworks and ex-

ploring new areas of common interest. The two countries support each other and exchange delegations at high levels. China is involved in various sectors in Burundi: in the education sector, it is worth mentioning the construction of school infrastructure and the annual organization of short-term bilateral and multilateral training courses and seminars in China for Burundian executives (more than 200 per year). The Chinese Government awards long-term university scholarships for Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate degrees each year (an average of 40 per year) and the *Confucius Institute (CI) at the University of Burundi (UB)*, which offers Chinese language courses and cultural activities (cooking, martial arts, calligraphy, etc.).

In the health sector, since 1987, the Government of the People's Republic of China has established a cooperation mechanism called "Medical Mission". In Burundi, Chinese cooperators have been assigned to certain hospitals in Bujumbura and those in the interior of the country and each team has a batch of Chinese medicines that it manages and uses the construction of a Modern General Hospital in Mpanda, the supply of medical equipment. It also operates in the humanitarian, artistic, telecommunications, agriculture, energy, infrastructure, security, good governance and other sectors. (**MAEIRCD**)

Mugera becomes a basilica , more than just a story



On Tuesday, August 12, 2025, a team from Radio Télévision Nationale (RTNB) visited Mugera to learn more about the parish of Mugera, which will soon become first minor basilica in Burundi.

Historical overview of *Mugera*

The Priest of the parish of Mugera shared that it was founded in 1899 by missionaries as the second parish established in Burundi, after that of Muyaga in the province of Buhumuza. He reported: "Three missionaries were on their way to found a parish on the hill of Munyinya, but when they arrived in Mugera, their donkey refused to continue. They spent the night there to resume their journey in the morning, but even in the early hours, the donkey refused to take the slightest step. They then understood that this is where God wanted this parish to be established."

Father Venant Mpozako , the Priest of Mugera Parish added: "Although it is the second largest parish in Burundi, it was the first episcopal see in the country." He said Burundi's first bishop, Msgr. Julien Gorju , was based in Mugera from 1922 to 1936. After arriving in Mugera , Msgr. Gorju ordained the first Burundian priests in just three years: Patrice Ntidendereza and Émile

Ngendagende , on December 19, 1925, all from the parish of Muyaga . In 1926, Msgr. Julien Gorju founded Burundi's first secondary school, the Muger Minor Seminary, in Muger , Mpozako said . He added that in 1958, when the Catholic Church celebrated the centenary of the apparitions of the Virgin Mary in Lourdes, France, a grotto was built in Muger using a stone from Lourdes, so that the graces obtained in Lourdes would also spread to Muger in Burundi. This place is called "the sanctuary of the Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace."

Burundi consecrated to the Virgin Marie

Father Venant Mpozako recalled that it was precisely in this place where on August 15, 1961, Prince Louis Rwagasore and his Government, together with the Bishops of the Catholic Church of Burundi, consecrated the country to the Virgin Mary.

Every year on August 15, believers from all over Burundi and the surrounding region gather here to celebrate the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. Due to the small size of the site, a larger space was built in 1976 to accommodate pilgrims.

Muger also hosts a cross erected by the missionary founders of the parish, a symbol of the salvation brought by Jesus Christ on the cross, as Father Venant Mpozako explained to RTNB. He added that the church in Muger houses fragments of the cross of Jesus Christ.

In what ways will the parish of Muger, soon to become a minor basilica, stand out from other parishes?

When asked about this, the parish Priest emphasized that it will maintain special ties with the Pope and enjoys unique importance in liturgical matters and the administration of the sacraments. According to Father Mpozako, the basilica will be frequented by pilgrims from all over the world. Father Mpozako nevertheless emphasized that the basilica remains under the organization of his diocese. He indicated that it will also serve as a place of spiritual retreat and major pilgrimage. This could bring positive economic benefits to the country, as visitors will need accommodation, restaurants, and other services, generating-income services, he added. The distinctive signs of a basilica include the ombrellino symbolizing the Pope's protection over the building, the crossed keys symbolizing the keys of Saint Peter, and the tintinnabulum, which is a bronze bell.

For Father Venant Mpozako , the presence of a basilica in Burundi shows that the country has reached a remarkable level of spiritual recognition. He called on the region's inhabitants to prepare to welcome pilgrims by building quality accommodation and catering facilities to meet their needs. It is expected that the Secretary of State of the Holy See, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, will proclaim the parish of Muger as a minor basilica on Friday, August 15, 2025. (RTNB)

A renewed breath of hope for the future of the staff.

On Tuesday, August 12, 2025, Radio Télévision Nationale du Burundi (RTNB) had the honor of welcoming Mr. Gabby Bugaga for his first official visit Minister in charge of Communication and Media. This moment marked a significant turning point for this iconic institution, symbolizing the Government's commitment to a positive and modern transformation of Burundian Media.

A speech of hope and gratitude

During his speech, the Minister reviewed the progress made by the National Radio and Television. He expressed his deep admiration for the efforts, diligence, and collaboration between the administra-



tion and staff, stating that RTNB's image is strengthening day after day. "Every progress we observe here is

the result of collective and hard work. I encourage you to persevere, because collaboration is the key to our common success," he said, emphasizing the need for synergy between all stakeholders involved.

Emerging Successes

Mr. Faustin Ndayizeye, the Director General of National Radio and Television, took advantage of this visit to present the notable progress made by the institution in recent months. Among the successes such as :

- Improved image quality: Viewers now enjoy greater visual comfort.
- Enhanced program content: The diversity and relevance of the programs broadcast have seen a significant increase.
- Increased visibility on social networks: an effective digital strategy has made it possible to reach a wider audience.
- Infrastructure renovation: these improvements are the result of service exchange partnerships, conducive to a transformative upgrade.
- Construction of accommodation for branch staff: improved working conditions and reduction of staff transport costs.
- Upcoming elimination of 7 gray areas: Targeted action to ensure effective national coverage.

A network of powerful partnerships

Besides the partnerships already established, Managing Director Faustin Ndayizeye also highlighted the crucial importance of future service exchange partnerships with banks and insurance companies. These strategic

networking will strengthen RTNB's visibility and sustainability. "Each collaboration brings us closer to our shared goals and allows us to better serve our audience," he emphasized.

Current Challenges

However, despite these encouraging advances, challenges persist. The high rate of staff departures, often motivated by better salary values elsewhere, is a hindrance to the development of Radio-Télévision Nationale du Burundi. In addition, some areas of the country remain outside RTNB's coverage area, thus offering an advantage to foreign radio stations. These shortcomings remain major concerns that must be addressed to ensure not only a distinguished public service, accessible to all, but also to improve the living conditions of staff.

Aware of the obstacles faced by RTNB staff, including uncompetitive remuneration, Mr. Gabby Bugaga congratulated the team for their commitment, despite persisting difficult working conditions. He emphasized that their dedication is admirable and essential for the sake of the public they serve. Mr. Bugaga concluded by affirming that the Ministry will play its role as an intermediary between RTNB and decision-making bodies to help find solutions to the challenges faced by all RTNB staff.

RTNB's transformation appears to be progressing rapidly, as evidenced by ongoing projects, supported by a committed administrative body and a capable and determined staff. There is still a long way to go, but the future looks promising for this leading national media outlet. **(RTNB)**

Melchior Ndadaye Airport strengthens cross-border security

Burundi launches the BMS system to strengthen border security with the support of Interpol and European Union.

On Thursday, August 13, 2025, the Burundian Government reached a major milestone in the fight against transnational crime. At Melchior Ndadaye International Airport, the Border Management System (BMS) project was officially launched. This digital border surveillance system aims to make any attempt at escape or clandestine crossing virtually impossible, particularly for wanted criminals.

Safe modern border system

Developed with the support of the European Union and implemented by the "Soft Center" organization, the

BMS project is a major technological advance in border control. Thanks to a direct connection with Interpol databases, each passport is now scanned and verified automatically. Mr. Albert Ncutinamagara, head of the fight against cross-border crime within the Burundian police, indicated that a criminal who crosses the borders thinking he has escaped justice is seriously mistaken.

A regional cooperation in action

The Border Management System (BMS) project is part of a regional strategy involving the police forces of the East African Community, with technical support from the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol). The goal: to facilitate the immediate arrest of any wanted individual upon crossing a Burundian border post.



Mr. Richard Ndayisaba, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Public Security, stated that this system modernizes border monitoring mechanisms. It is designed to be efficient, fast, and interconnected with regional partners. A gradual expansion to all borders.

While Melchior Ndadaye Airport is the first to benefit from this technology, the Burundian authorities are announcing a gradual generalization of the system to all border posts in the country. All travelers, whether entering or leaving the country, will be subject to increased control, ensuring better traceability.

A clear message: Zero impunity for *criminals*

By adopting this system, Burundi is sending a strong message: no one involved in criminal activities will be able to use borders as an escape route. Whether they are terrorists, traffickers, or common criminals, attempts to escape will now be detected at points of entry.

With this initiative, Burundi affirms its commitment to regional and international security and places technology at the heart of its anti-crime policy. (RTNB)

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