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Rwanda head of state Paul Kagame officially sent his invitation on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, to world leaders to the next Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) set to be hosted in Kigali, Rwanda in June next year.

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Burundi welcomed on Tuesday, 25th September 2019 more than 40 delegates from 15 countries, including the presidents of the football association.

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The official opening ceremonies were launched today on September 27, 2019, of the new NTARE RUSHATSI Presidential Palace, in the presence of the High Dignitaries of the country and the Diplomatic Corps accredited in Burundi.

THE BIG PICTURE: The Chinese-sponsored building of the new presidential palace of Burundi has been built in Gatunguru locality, in Bujumbura Province, Northern part of Bujumbura town.

It has been around 7 months since China handed over the newly-built palace to Burundi Government and the Burundians. Burundi Head of State acknowledged that China supported this huge project to facilitate the construction of this new presidential palace.

"We owe this palace on the good relations and cooperation between China and Burundi for 56 years", Burundi Head of State told attendees of the ceremonies.

This palace was built with the help of the Chinese aid, as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs puts it.

The president said that the newly built palace is reserved for the new future generation to take care of it. “The palace is built but it is up to the future generation to take good care of it”, Pierre Nkurunziza said.

It is expected that since the next Monday, all the staff of the office of president will officially kickstart their activities at the new building of the Presidential Palace in Gatunguru. On this occasion, Burundi head of State, Pierre Nkurunziza said that this ‘newly built presidential palace is dedicated to the first king of Burundi, Ntare Rushatsi Cambarantama and that Burundians recognize Ntare Ruhsatsi’s contribution as the father of the nation’.

Le projet @NtareHouse étant le fruit de l'excellente coopération sinoburundaise, le Président de la République S.E @pnkurunziza a appelé de son vœu le renforcement des relations d'amitié qui lient la République Populaire de Chine et le #Burundi depuis plus de cinq décennies. pic.twitter.com/smDNDDHou6
— Ntare Rushatsi House (@NtareHouse) September 27, 2019
Burundi First Lady awarded in New York for being an ‘excellent role model’

Burundi First Lady, Denise Nkurunziza, has been awarded three extraordinary prizes in New York for being an excellent role model to be imitated in the world for positive change.

WHY IT MATTERS: As noted on her own website, Denise Bucumi Nkurunziza has been awarded as a woman who has positively influenced the Burundian society and who is an actor of change throughout her Foundation called “Buntu”.

Four organizations have awarded Burundi First Lady three awards for being an excellent role model in Burundi. Those organizations are “Global Visionary Publishing”, “iChange Nations”, “Purses Pumps and Power Network”, and “Organization for Poverty Alleviator and Development (OPAD)”. As Denise Nkurunziza’s website adds, the first prize was named “Voice of Change”, was given by the Organization named “I change Nations”.

“I Change Nations” is said to have recognized Denise Nkurunziza’s contribution to the change of mentalities by organizing awareness-raising campaigns for women and young people, as well as advocacy for the abandoned class such as widows and orphans.

The second prize titled “The Power of Collaboration Lifetime Achievement Award” was awarded by Global Visionary Publishing, as an icon of the positive change of the society.

The Third Prize “2019 Global Woman of Greatness Award” was presented by a network of businesswomen “Purses Pumps and Power Network” operating in North Carolina.

DIG DEEPER: Burundi First Lady is accomplishing through her Foundation Buntu to raise awareness to fight against the social stigma and social discrimination, especially against minorities. Denise Nkurunzizan, through her charitable works, had been helping hopeless Burundians to regain power in order to live peacefully in their lives and make positive changes.

“I am humble to see that our work is not only seen by God, but also by people. I am today surprised to be recognized as actress of Change. I dedicate these awards to my lovely husband, HE @pnkurunziza for his unwavering support, to all #Burundians especially women. pic.twitter.com/5j1mnNKB0g
— Denise B. Nkurunziza (@1stLadyBurundi) September 23, 2019

As her website cites, Denise Nkuruniza said that these 3 prizes show that frequent reports of instability in Burundi are mere false, taken into account that she has been awarded these prizes.

Denise Nkurunziza took the opportunity to give thanks for these extraordinary awards and dedicated them to her beloved husband, Burundi Head of State, Pierre Nkurunziza.

“I give glory to the Lord for his kindness and mercy, who enables me to perform all good deeds according to his plan”, said Burundi First Lady.

Denise Nkurubizza terminates by saying that these prizes will be like ‘fuel’ to energize her in her endeavors to pursue dignity in all societies.
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The objective of this seminar as it the first time for Burundi is to learn if the Football Federation of Burundi infrastructures and other football projects have been well established as funded by the World Football Governing Body (FIFA) funds like any other member association.

"The funding received by each FIFA member association is intended for setting up, cleaning up or maintaining the necessary infrastructure in the football sector. All associations receive equal shares at US $ 6 million over four years, US $ 1.5 million each year.

Each association uses it according to the projects and programs it presents to FIFA," said Mr. Daniel KREBS, the speaker at the same time responsible for projects and infrastructure within FIFA before the official launch of the seminar.

He indicated that Burundi was chosen to host this workshop because it serves as an example for other FIFA member countries in the reasonable use of FIFA funds.

He quotes a number of artificial turf pitches built in Burundi since 2010. These include Intwari stadium, ex Prince Louis Rwagasore stadium, Muyinga Stadium, Gitega Stadium, National Technical Center, Ruyigi stadium, Cibitoke stadium and Kayanza stadium under construction.

Speaking to the press after the official opening of the seminar, the second vice-president of the FFB Samugabo Moustapha said that it is a great honor for Burundi to be taken for pioneering in the development of modern football fields, which are a necessity and a condition which is none for the development of a country’s football. He added that it is a clear opportunity for Burundi to take advantage of it, “it is hoped that the future projects that Burundi will present will be easily financed as our country serves as an example for other FIFA member associations, in the good management and good conduct of the projects it finances.”

Currently, Burundi has 8 pitches including two in (Makamba and Kayanza) which are under construction. The 6 are the only stadiums that are used for the Burundi Primus League championships.
Minister of Home Affairs evaluates the state of political parties ahead of the 2020 elections

Authorized political party leaders in Burundi and provincial governors met in Bujumbura on Wednesday, September 24, 2019, under the auspices of Interior Minister Pascal Barandagiye, to assess the implementation of their commitments to an election-friendly environment 2020.

During the meeting, leaders of political parties and provincial governors have expressed an inventory of cohabitation between political parties and relations between political parties and the administration.

Provincial governors have indicated in turn that the meetings they have held since June with provincial leaders of political parties have paid off. According to provincial governors, political party cohabitation is generally good.

Nevertheless, most of them have indexed members of Agathon Rwagasa’s CNL party, accusing them of indulging in acts of provocation and noncompliance with the law governing political parties.

Political party leaders, for their part, said that clashes between members of their political parties have diminished since meetings between political parties and the administration were organized.

Some leaders of political parties have praised the attitude of administrative staff who intervene quickly when clashes erupt between supporters of different political parties. Others have rather denounced the biased character of the administrators who favor the party in power at the expense of other political formations.

In the provinces where there are misunderstandings between political parties or between political parties and the administration, the Minister of the Interior has recommended to the provincial governors and the leaders of the political parties concerned to meet as quickly as possible to find a land of agreement.

He also recommended holding such evaluation meetings once a month at the provincial level and twice a month at the communal level.

In order to put an end to clashes between political party members, CNDD-FDD Secretary-General in power, Evariste Ndayishimiye proposed to severely punish anyone guilty of segregation or discrimination based on belonging to such or such another political party.

As for the executive secretary of the CNL, a party that was cited during this meeting as being at the root of the difficulties encountered in political parties, he asked the participants to avoid globalization and to consider criminal responsibility as being personal and individual.

For the Minister of the Interior, the preparation of the peaceful elections of 2020 is a watchword that guides the administrative and explains the holding once a month of a meeting between the administration at the high level with party officials policies. He welcomed the fact that since June, the situation has completely changed.

According to Minister Barandagiye, clashes between members of the various political parties decreased by 98%, reserving the 2% to isolated cases of people who get drunk and who, as a result, commit abuses. “Apart from isolated cases, the situation is normal,” said the minister.

“The bottom line is that the political parties have agreed that the person who commits an offense is punished according to the law and individually and treated as such instead of pretending that it is his party of origin who is targeted,” continued the minister.

He took the opportunity to urge justice to crack down on all violators of the peaceful coexistence of political parties. For the minister, anyone who perpetrates acts of violence by considerations that take into account differences in membership of political parties will have to be tried in flagrant proceedings.

During the meeting, some governors and leaders of political parties lambasted the Catholic Episcopal Council’s statement to Christians, claiming that the situation described in this letter does not prevail and recommended to invite religious leaders to participate in this kind meetings to keep them abreast of developments in the political situation.

In this regard, the Minister of the Interior said that the content of this letter is really out of touch with reality on the ground, saying that the Bishops worked on the basis of the reports of two or three years ago. Minister Barandagiye who considers these prelates as disconnected from reality has nevertheless promised to associate them now if they wish.
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The Head of State made case for the youth and argued that it was important to look at them as an important and productive asset to transform economies across the world.

"There is no way we can see our young people as a liability. For a very clear reason, they are a huge asset and opportunity. Seeing them as liability would be a failure on our part," he noted.

Creating the kind of environment that adds a lot of value to this asset of young people, he added, would be done through the provision of skills, access to technology and having them get involved more in value chains across the world.

According to the statement issued by the Secretariat, five sub-themes have been identified for discussion: Governance and Rule of Law, ICT & Innovation, Youth, Environment, and Trade.

The Commonwealth is a political organization most of whom are former colonies of Britain.

Rwanda, which joined the grouping in November 2009, is one of only two Commonwealth member countries with no colonial ties with the United Kingdom – the other being Mozambique.
According to local Reuters, the move aims at tightening regulation in the financial services sector in the East African nation.

In a statement released on Monday, the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) said the fines were imposed “for failure to conduct proper customer due diligence and file suspicious transaction reports to the (state-run) Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU).”

I&M Bank was slapped with the biggest fine at 655 million Tanzanian shillings ($284,782.61), followed by Equity Bank (580 million shillings), UBL Bank (325 million shillings), Habib African Bank (175 million shillings) and African Banking Corporation (145 million shillings).

BoT gave three months to the sanctioned banks to implement various anti-money laundering measures, which include taking disciplinary action against all staff members “who were involved in opening implicated deposit accounts contrary to KYC (know your customer) requirements”.

The country’s financial services sector, which is dominated by lenders like CRDB Bank and NMB Bank, has been hit by a spike in bad loans, which have stifled the growth of credit to the private sector.

In December last year, the International Monetary Fund said nearly half of Tanzania’s 45 banks were vulnerable to adverse shocks and risked insolvency in the event of a global financial crisis.

Since coming to power in 2015, President John Magufuli’s government has stepped up the crackdown on everything from mineral processing to free speech and the registration of foreign ships – earning him the title “The Bulldozer.

Officials also amended the Statistics Act, criminalizing the collection, analysis, and dissemination of any data without first obtaining authorization from the government — an issue the World Bank said: “could have serious impacts on the generation and use of official and non-official statistics, which are a vital foundation for the country’s development.”
Burundi 2nd Vice-President kicks off works on Jiji and Murembwe Power Dams

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THE BIG PICTURE: The partners who contributed to the construction of these two dams are the World Bank, the European Investment Bank, the African Development Bank, the Government of Burundi and REGIDESO. According to estimates, this project is slated to be finished end in 2023.

According to the Minister of Energy, Come Manirakiza, this is a project of the Government of Burundi that aims to increase hydro-power generation capacity, a promising solution to the problem currently handicapping the country’s energy sector.

‘Increase the demand in the electricity’ Come Manirakiza said the supply of electricity in Burundi is extremely limited. Specialists in this sector estimate that the current demand is estimated at more than 70 MWT while the actual supply does not exceed 35 MWT for the moment.

He pointed out that these Jiji and Murembwe plants will have a combined capacity of 49.5 MWT, which will double the national supply and many Burundians would benefit from this project of such great importance.

In his speech, the 2nd Vice President of the Republic Joseph Butore said that thanks to this gigantic project, the population will be able to be employed, which will contribute to decreasing the rate of unemployment.

The 2nd Vice-President of the Republic also pointed out that this project of construction of Jiji and Murembwe power plants is within the framework of the National Development Program, in its section relating to energy increase. The construction works of the Jiji and Murembwe power plants will be executed by two Italian and Egyptian companies.
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According to local media in Egypt, Abdel Fattah al-Sisi (above) is accused of rampant corruption within his administration, being the illegal ruler and who ascended to the power by means a coup d’etat.

The BIG PICTURE: As demonstrations continue to spread across Egypt, thousands of Egyptians have called for putschist President Abdelfattah alSisi to resign after a businessman exposed rampant regime corruption.

Hundreds of protesters took to the streets in central Cairo and several cities on Friday against Abdel Fattah alSisi, a former army general who came in power in 2014 after ousting democratically elected President Mohamed Morsi.
The protests came in response to calls for Abdel Fattah al-Sisi to step down by Mohamed Ali, a former army contractor, who accused Abdel Fattah al-Sisi and the military of corruption, local media added. Since then, more than 350 people have been arrested across Egypt since Friday, according to the Egyptian Commission for Rights and Freedoms (ECRF). ‘The army to protect the protesters’ The News Website, Yeni Safak, cited the UK-based media that the Egyptian army will support the protesters in their bid to oust the president of Egypt, Abdel Fattah al-Sisi.

A group of Egyptian army officers vowed to protect protesters as they urged citizens to take to the streets to oust President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi and topple his putschist regime, Yeni Safak reported.

The army said in a Facebook post that it would protect demonstrators “exactly as happened on 25 January 2011” when a revolution toppled the regime of Hosni Mubarak. “Trump not worried by the Egyptian protests against Al-Sisi” However, the United States President, Donald Trump, has thrown his support for the incumbent president of Egypt, saying that Abdel Fattah al-Sisi is a ‘highly respected’ president.

Trump said this on the sidelines of the 74 UN General Assembly in New York when he met Abdel Fattah al-Sisi during mutual discussions. When reporters asked Trump what he can say about the ongoing protests to oust Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, Trump said that ‘he is not worried’ about them. “I’m not concerned with it. Egypt has a great leader. He’s highly respected...So I’m not worried about it,” Donald Trump told reporters in New York.
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Tanzania summons World Health Organization representative over Ebola suspects

On Tuesday, September 24, 2019, The Republic of Tanzania has summoned the World Health Organization’s local representative after the United Nations’ health agency accused the government of refusing to share detailed information on suspected Ebola cases.

The news was announced by Hassan Abbasi, who is a spokesman for Tanzania government on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, through his Twitter page saying that WHO representative in the country Tigest Ketsela Mengestu was summoned by deputy foreign affairs minister Damas Ndumbaro, in the commercial capital Dar es Salaam.

"The representative insisted that the WHO has not declared that there is Ebola in Tanzania, nor does it have any evidence on that and pledged to cooperate with the government," Abbasi said.

"During the talks, the WHO agreed to strictly follow guidelines outlined by the agency itself and ratified by the government if it wants to get any additional information from the Tanzanian government."

According to Reuters, The World Health Organization (WHO) said on Saturday it was made aware on Sept. 10 of the death of a patient in Dar es Salaam and was unofficially told the next day that the person had tested positive for Ebola. The woman had died on Sept. 8.

WHO said in a statement issued in the weekend that it was unofficially told that Tanzania had two other possible Ebola cases. One had tested negative and there was no information on the other.

Officially, the Tanzanian government had said in the previous week it had no confirmed or suspected cases of Ebola.

The government did not address the death of the woman directly and did not provide further information.

Tanzania’s health minister said on September 14 that the government had investigated two recent cases of unknown illnesses, but they were not Ebola. The WHO made its weekend announcement days after the head of a U.S. government health agency traveled to Tanzania at the direction of America’s health secretary, Alex Azar. Azar criticized Tanzania earlier last week for not sharing information.
Aliko Dangote and Jakaya Kikwete among UN appointees to combat malnutrition globally

The United Nations has appointed Africa's richest man and President of Dangote Group, Aliko Dangote, and President of the African Development Bank, Dr. Akinwunmi Adesina, as part of 27 global leaders to combat malnutrition across the world, media reported.

The appointment was made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres, as part of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement committed to fighting malnutrition in all its forms. According to a statement released by SUN to this effect, the leaders will meet on September 24 to take a decision on the continuation of the SUN Movement into its third phases (2021-2025).

The leaders will also make commitments to achieve its objectives – looking toward the 2020 Tokyo Nutrition for Growth Summit. Media reported that one in three people suffer from malnutrition the world over and 149 million girls and boys are stunted, a trend the group is set up to stop and reverse.

The 27 people appointed to the group are:
- Akinwumi ADESDINA (Nigeria), President, African Development Bank;
- Aliko DANGOTE (Nigeria), Chairman and CEO, Dangote Group;
- Manal AL ALEM (Jordan), Chef Reem Ebrahim AL-HASHIMI (UAE), Cabinet Member and Minister of State for International Cooperation;
- Mercedes ARÁOZ FERNÁNDEZ (Peru), Vice-President, Republic of Peru;
- Inger ASHING (SWEDEN), CEO, Save the Children International;
- Cherrie ATILANO (Philippines), Founder and CEO, Agrea Agricultural Systems Internaional Inc.;
- Alicia BÁRCENA IBARRA, (Mexico), Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean;
- David BEASLEY (USA), Executive Director, World Food Programme;
- Martin CHUNGONG (Cameroon), Secretary-General, Inter-Parliamentary Union;
- Josefa Leonel CORREIA SACKO (Angola), Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission;
- Annette DIXON (New Zealand), Vice President of Human Development, World Bank;
- Chris ELIAS (United States of America), President of Global Development, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation;
- Shenggen FAN (China), Director General, International Food Policy Research Institute;
- Henrietta H. FORE (USA), Executive Director, UNICEF, and Chair of the SUN Movement Lead Group;
- Sophie HEALY-THOW (Ireland), Youth Leader;
- Daniel KAPLAN DUNCAN, (Côte d’Ivoire), Vice President Côte d’Ivoire;
- Monica Katebe MUSONDA (Zambia), Founder and CEO, Java Foods;
- Jakaya KIKWETE (Tanzania), Former President United Republic of Tanzania, Kikwete Foundation;
- Shinichi KITAOKA (Japan), President Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA);
- Maryam MONSEF (Canada), Minister of International Development and Minister for Women and Gender Equality, Canada;
- David NABARRO (United Kingdom), Sustainable Development Facilitator, 4SD;
- Sania NISHTAR (Pakistan), Founder and President, Heartfile Foundation;
- Inia SERUIRATU (Fiji), Minister of Foreign Affairs, Fiji;
- Feike SIJBESMA (The Netherlands), CEO, Royal Dutch DSM;
- Gunhild Anker STORDALEN (Norway), Founder and President, EAT Foundation;
- Gerda VERBURG (The Netherlands), UN Assistant Secretary-General and Coordinator of the SUN Movement.

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The duo and 25 other world leaders were appointed as part of a team to combat malnutrition across the world. António Guterres who is the secretary-general of the United Nations made this appointment as part of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) movement.

SUN said it is committed to fighting malnutrition across the globe as “improving nutrition means driving progress across the host of challenges faced by the world today. Yet, it remains one of the world’s leastaddressed problems.”
After Burundi, Sudan sees COMESA Summit cancelled for the second time

THE BIG PICTURE: Burundi was also stripped of this occasion to host the COMESA Summit although the latter had already gone at all lengths to get ready for it. The COMESA Secretariat argued that conditions of peace and stability in Burundi were not conducive to holding the summit, the reasons that Gitega rejected. Since then, COMESA had agreed to reimburse Gitega all the expenses it incurred during the preparations for the COMESA Summit.

“Sudan was supposed to host this year’s annual summit but couldn’t for obvious reasons,” Mwangi Gakunga, COMESA’s head of corporate communications told The EastAfrican.

This Zambia-based body of Common markets had been at loggerheads with some countries when it comes to hosting its general summit.

The Authority is the supreme policy organ of the Common Market and is responsible for the general policy and direction and control of the performance of the executive functions of the Common Market and the achievement of its aims and objectives and shall have such other powers as are vested in it under the Treaty, the EA added.
Burundi MPs vote a law to develop regional trade within EAC

The Minister of Trade, Industry and Tourism, Jean-Marie Niyokindi, explained the reasons for this free trade area before the MPs. Niyokindi said that this free trade area is aimed at developing and proposes to create inter-regional cooperation between the three regional communities based on three pillars, namely market integration, industrial development, and infrastructure development.

This agreement will allow Burundi to have access to the market of the 26 countries of the tripartite region and to have a legal basis for continuing negotiations and seeking funding for projects and tripartite programs of interest, he added.

Burundi MPs also analyzed and adopted unanimously the draft law by the Republic of Burundi the amended Article 24, paragraph 2 of the Protocol establishing the Customs Union of the East African Community.

This paragraph states that the committee shall be composed of nine qualified and competent members in the areas of trade, customs, and law.

The wording of this paragraph establishing the Customs Union of the EAC is such that the Trade Remedies Committee is restricted and closed. In addition, it does not allow a new country that joins this community to be represented in this body. This means, according to Minister Niyokindi, that the Appeals Committee was incomplete and did not, therefore, begin its actual work.

The amended provision now reads as follows: “The committee is composed of qualified and competent members in the areas of trade, customs, and law”,}

Burundi MPs unanimously voted on Thursday, September 19, 2019, the bill ratifying the Republic of Burundi’s agreement to create the Tripartite Zone of Free Trade Agreement (ZLET) between the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), the East African Community (EAC) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC).
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The Burundi Central bank has opened today, on September 20, 2019, the third branch of its affiliation. The third bank was opened in Rumonge province, in the southwest of the country.

The ceremonies of the opening of the Bank were enhanced by the presence of Burundi Head of State, Pierre Nkurunziza. Arrived at the scene around 11 am, Pierre Nkurunziza greeted the audience and all attendees of these ceremonies.

THE BIG PICTURE: The Burundi Central Bank had until now opened its two branches in Burundi such as of Ngozi and Gitega. Burundi Central Bank communication body told reporters that this Rumonge Branch will be used like a 'backup bank' or 'alternative bank'.

BRB communication body elaborated by saying that this bank branch will be used as a 'substitute bank' in case the central bank located on Bujumbura Economic capital encounters any natural disasters such as fire, earthquakes, etc.

Burundi Head of State took the opportunity to thank the Government of China for their kindness in giving Burundi another gift i.e the premises of the Burundi Central Bank branch in Rumonge.

China had already given Burundi the newly inaugurated presidential palace in Bujumbura town and other buildings. Nkurunziza invited all Burundians to thank the Government of China for its relentless efforts to help Burundian people. Rumonge province Governor took the floor and thank the Government of Burundi to help local people and build this Rumonge Branch facility which will help people for with their bank transactions.

The Governor also mentioned that the Ebola outbreak is being contained to a maximum degree, as Rumonge is bordering DR Congo, where the Ebola virus has already spread in its eastern part of the country.

Rumonge people took the opportunity to give thanks to Burundi Head of State by giving him 5 cows, fish, palm oil and so on.

It should be noted that ahead of the official opening of the Burundi Central bank, Rumonge Branch, Burundi Head of State officially opened the electricity water plant and a hospital.

BOTTOM LINE: The Rumonge Branch of the Burundi Central Bank facility is a three-story building, with high-tech equipment, with a surveillance camera. The whole facility has been budgeted to 27 billion BIF.

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Rwanda welcomes first group of refugees from Libya

As AFP reported, the first batch of the 500 African refugees and asylum seekers from Libya landed in Rwanda yesterday on Thursday, September 26, 2019.

WHY IT MATTERS: Rwanda signed the MoU with the African Union and the UN Refugees Agency, UNHCR on the plan to receive refugees in Libya and other African refugees stranded in Libya on their move to Europe.

The move comes after Rwanda, UNHCR and African Union signed a Memorandum of Understanding early this month to evacuate refugees and asylum seekers out of Libya detention facilities. The group of 66 African refugees landed at the Kigali International Airport on Thursday at 9:31 pm local time.

They were received by the Ministry in charge of emergency management and UNHCR officials.

However, the media coverage of the reception of the group was not allowed as officials said that the press conference of the signing of the MoU in Addis Ababa was enough, media reported.

According to the East African, the ministry barred journalists from accessing the refugees because some of them are emotionally and psychologically troubled by their ordeal, that government thought it would be safe for them not to be exposed to the media in their state.

The group is composed of “many minors, single mothers and families” and “a two-months-old little Somali girl born at the gathering and departure facility in Libya,” UNHCR Libya tweeted.

In a Twitter post, Minema said that “more refugees and asylum-seekers from detention camps in Libya are expected in the coming weeks”.

The Rwandan government has Refugees from Libya after the Memorandum of Understanding between UNHCR, the African Union and Rwanda.
BESOIN DE VOUS DÉPLACER?

TÉLÉCHARGEZ L’APPLICATION WASILI RIDER

INSCRIVEZ-VOUS EN UTILISANT VOTRE EMAIL OU VOTRE NUMÉRO DE TÉLÉPHONE

TAPÉZ VOTRE DESTINATION PLUS COMMANDEZ UNE VOITURE AVEC CHAUFER

OBTENEZ UNE VOITURE EN UN CLIC!
Uganda Airlines kicks off its flight to Bujumbura on Monday

This announcement comes as a part of the Uganda national airlines to launch the regional flights from Kampala to Nairobi, Juba, Mogadishu, Kilimanjaro, Bujumbura, and Dar es Salaam. According to local media, Uganda Airlines will be doing 3 flights a week to Bujumbura.

In a Twitter announcement, Uganda Airlines welcomed Burundians to book the ‘early birds tickets’ to enjoy this much-awaited regional Airlines.

Uganda Airlines launched its commercial operations on August 28 with its first commercial flight to Nairobi (Kenya), two decades after the airline closed business.

The Governor also mentioned that the Ebola outbreak is being contained to a maximum degree, as Rumonge is bordering DR Congo, where the Ebola virus has already spread in its eastern part of the country.

"I don’t want to speak for what the rest are going through. I will stick to my product. The type of aircraft we have is owned by us, so we don’t have lease costs. That’s why we can manage to have tickets that are affordable", Bamuturaki said last month that Uganda Airlines is at an advantage and will deliver the best product.

“Two, we have made our schedules as flexible as possible for the passenger. We don’t have intermediary points. Dar es Salam we go direct, same as Mogadishu. So, people are able to save time”.

Passengers can book their flight online or through the Uganda Airlines Customer Centre, then pay using MasterCard, Visa or American Express, or cash. Burundians have expressed their gratitude for the regional flights of Uganda Airlines.