

REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI



PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE GOVERNMENT

COMMUNIQUE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF BURUNDI ANNOUNCING THE SUDDEN DECEASE OF HIS EXCELLENCY PIERRE NKURUNZIZA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI

1. The Government of the Republic of Burundi announces with very great sadness to the People of Burundi and to the International Community, the sudden death of His Excellency Pierre NKURUNZIZA, President of the Republic of Burundi, occurred at the l'Hôpital du Cinquantenaire "Natwe Turashoboye" in KARUSI, following a cardiac arrest.

2. While he had spent the afternoon of Saturday 06 June 2020 attending a Volleyball match in NGOZI, it was during the night spanning between Saturday 06 June 2020 and Sunday 07 June 2020 that His Excellency Pierre NKURUNZIZA, President of the Republic of Burundi felt unwell and quickly went to the Hospital in Karusi for medical treatment. He was admitted to hospital for feeling a malaise. On Sunday, his health improved and he could speak with the people at his bedside.

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

3. The Government of Burundi extends its deepest condolences to the People of Burundi in general and particularly to his very devastated family. Burundi has just lost a Worthy Son, a President of the Republic, and a Supreme Guide to National Patriotism. May Almighty God rest his soul. As he was an example for all Burundians, of someone who loves and respects God, the Government of Burundi urges the People of Burundi to remain calm and serene and to accompany His Excellency the President of the Republic with much prayer.

4. The Government of the Republic of Burundi indicates that a seven-day national mourning is open from today. During this period, the flags will be flown at half-mast.
5. The condolence books are available at the Presidential Palace "NTARE RUSHATSI" for Burundians as well as the Representatives of Diplomatic and Consular Missions accredited in Burundi. For Burundians or other people living abroad, the condolence books are open in the Diplomatic and Consular Missions of Burundi.
6. Further development of the program will be communicated to you later.

Done at Bujumbura, 9th of June 2020

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Secretary-General and Spokesman
of the Government.-