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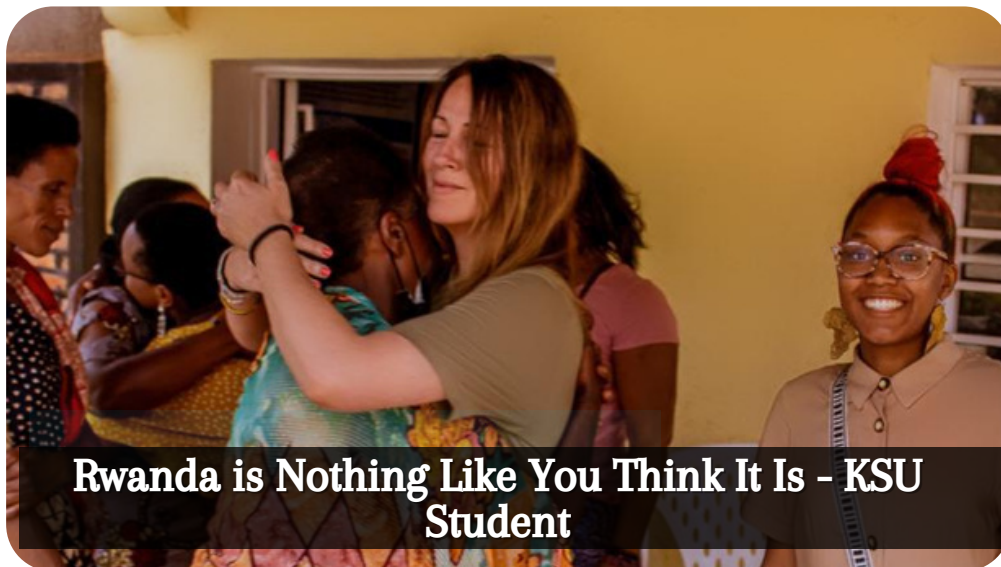
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August 19, H.E. President Kagame met with a US Congressional Delegation led by Senator Chris Coons. The delegation of three Senators and three Congress Representatives are in Rwanda for a 3-day visit to strengthen bilateral relations between Rwanda and the United States.

H.E President Kagame receives Rob Walton



August 22, President Kagame met with Rob Walton, former Chairman of Walmart and current owner of Denver Broncos National Football league team. His visit to Rwanda includes touring both Akagera and Nyungwe national parks as part of his work with African Parks.

H.E President Kagame Receives U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken

H.E President Kagame, on Thursday 11 August, received the U.S. Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, who was in Rwanda for a two-day official visit.



President Kagame and Secretary Blinken discussed ways of strengthening the bilateral partnership as well as security in the region.

The US Secretary of State also visited the Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre where he paid respects to the victims of the Genocide against the Tutsi by laying a wreath at the final resting place for more than 250,000 victims.

H.E President Kagame meets Prince Harry



Aug 22, President Kagame received Prince Harry, The Duke of Sussex, who visited Rwanda as part of his work as President of African Parks. The Government of Rwanda has agreements with African Parks to manage Akagera and Nyungwe National Parks.

H.E President Kagame And Family Enumerated as National census Kicks Off



H.E. President Kagame and First Lady Jeannette Kagame were enumerated on 16 August 2022, as the National Institute of Statistics (NISR) started to conduct the fifth Population and Housing Census. Details about the first family were recorded by Yusuf Murangwa, the Director General of NISR.

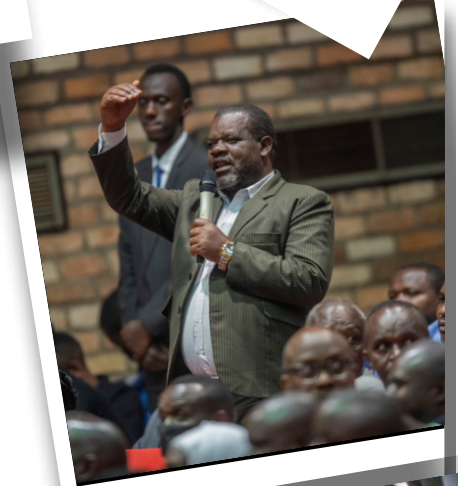
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H.E President Conducts a Four-Day In-Person Citizen Outreach

H.E. President Kagame started on 25 August, a four-day citizen outreach covering the Southern and Western Provinces. President Kagame pledged to deliver fully on the promises made during presidential campaigns in 2017.

He had interactions with ordinary citizens mainly focused on local government service delivery. He also held sessions with opinion leaders on issues related to socio-economic transformation of Rwanda.

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Rwanda to Get a Compressed Natural Gas project



The Prime Minister of Rwanda, Rt. Hon. Edouard Ngirente has, on 18 August, presided over the groundbreaking ceremony of the Compressed Natural Gas project in Bwishyura Sector of Karongi District.

The USD 530 million project aims to provide a long-term, environmentally friendly, affordable source of domestically produced gas. It will be implemented by Gasmeth Energy Limited that will see the latter extract and process methane gas from Lake Kivu. The gas will be sold as Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) to domestic and export

Rwanda Receives the 10th Group of Refugees and Asylum Seekers Evacuated from Libya

On August 18, the 10th group of 103 refugees and asylum seekers (68 Eritreans, 33 Sudanese, 1 South Sudanese & 1 Ethiopian) evacuated from Libya arrived in Rwanda. They are accommodated in Gashora Transit Centre located in Bugesera District that currently hosts other evacuees who arrived before.

The Government of Rwanda, UNHCR and the African Union set up an emergency transit mechanism to provide life saving protection, assistance and long term solutions to vulnerable refugees trapped in Libya through a temporary evacuation to Rwanda.

Government Announces Huge Increment In Teacher' Salaries

Prime Minister Dr. Ngirente informed Members of Parliament that in a bid to improve the welfare of teachers, the Cabinet meeting of July 29 took the decision to allocate more funds to Umwarimu SACCO and to increase primary and secondary teachers' salaries. The announcement was made while he was delivering a presentation to both Chambers of Parliament on 1st August 2022, on achievements in basic education (Primary & Secondary) in relation to the National Transformation Strategy (NST1).

According to the new decision, a teacher recruited and paid on the basis of A2 certificate (that is a total of 68,207 teachers) their pay will increase by 88% of net starting salary or Rwf 50,849. A teacher recruited and paid on the basis of A1 diploma (total of 12,214 teachers) will get an increase by 40% of net starting salary or Rwf 54,916. For a teacher recruited and paid on the basis of AO degree (total of 17,547 teachers), their pay will increase by 40% of net starting salary or Rwf 70,195.

DIGP NAMUHORANYE IN NEW YORK FOR UN CHIEFS OF POLICE SUMMIT



The Deputy Inspector General of Police in charge of Operations, DCG Felix Namuhoranye, was in New York to attend the 3rd United Nations Chiefs of Police Summit (UNCOPS). The UNCOPS 2022 brings together ministers, Chiefs of Police and senior representatives of policing organizations at the United Nations Headquarters from August 31 to September 1.

The main objective of the meeting is to strategise on how to strengthen international peace, security and development for all; through the unifying power of national and United Nations policing.

Rwanda is Nothing Like You Think It Is - KSU Student

On 7 August, following their recent two-week long trip to Rwanda, students and a professor from Kent State University, held a virtual panel discussion to share with the world their experiences in Rwanda and lessons learned.

“I can tell my friends that Rwanda is nothing like you think it is! To describe Rwanda I would use words like sustainable, hospitable and definitely safe.” Said Ms. Mariah Fannin, a student at Kent State Uni.



The live interactive discussion held on Sunday August 7, was organised by Rwandan American Friends (RAF) and hosted on www.rwandanamericanfriends.com and other RAF social media platforms.

The trip that ended on July 28, 2022 is a result of partnership between Kent State University and University of Rwanda. The two have developed a programme that combines cultural learning and academic coursework on peace and conflict studies.

RWANDA PARTICIPATES IN THE PAC FAMILY REUNION EXHIBITION IN THE US



Saturday, 27 August - On behalf of the Republic of Rwanda, the Embassy of Rwanda in Washington participated in the Pan African Collective Family Reunion exhibition in Bowie, Maryland. The purpose of this exhibition is to foster strong partnerships between Africa and its diaspora.

The Embassy seized this opportunity to market the country in terms of culture, trade and investment, specifically popularizing Rwanda’s ease in doing business and 'Visit Rwanda' campaign.

RWANDAN COMMUNITY IN MAINE CELEBRATES UMUGANURA



UGHE GRADUATES SEVENTH MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GLOBAL HEALTH DELIVERY COHORT



Sunday, 28 August - The First Lady of the Republic of Rwanda, Mrs. Jeannette Kagame who is also the Co-chair of the University of Global Health Equity (UGHE) Africa Advisory Board graced the graduation of then seventh cohort of its Master of Science in Global Health Delivery (MGHD) class of 2022 in a ceremonious event held at the university's campus in Butaro, Burera District.

The global health sciences institution graduated 44 students hailing from 11 countries globally, including Burundi, Canada, Ethiopia, India, Lesotho, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, Uganda, the United States of America, and Zambia. Each student specialised in one of the three tracks in the programme, either Health Management, One Health or Gender and Sexual Reproductive Health - a new track that was added to the programme last year.

The ceremony concluded with the First Lady Mrs. Jeannette Kagame and Ophelia Dahl planting a tree as a tribute to the late Dr. Paul Farmer. UGHE is an initiative of Partners in Health whose mission is to provide a preferential option for the poor in health care.

Rwanda Female Peacekeepers In South Sudan Train Locals in Fighting Malaria



On 26 August, Rwandan Peacekeepers (Rwanbtt-1) Female Engagement Team under UNMISS conducted a training on the fight against malaria to female residents of Reggo Payam, Terekeka County in South Sudan.

Thereafter, trainees received a package of mosquito repellents. They were also sensitised on the need to use mosquito nets, cut down on bushy surroundings, remove stagnant water around their homes and close doors and windows early.

Peter Lumo Lumaya, the Head Chief of Reggo Payam general area thanked the Rwandan female Peacekeepers for training women on ways of curbing malaria which affects their communities; with serious effect on pregnant women and children below 5 years.



HUYE STADIUM READY TO HOST GAMES

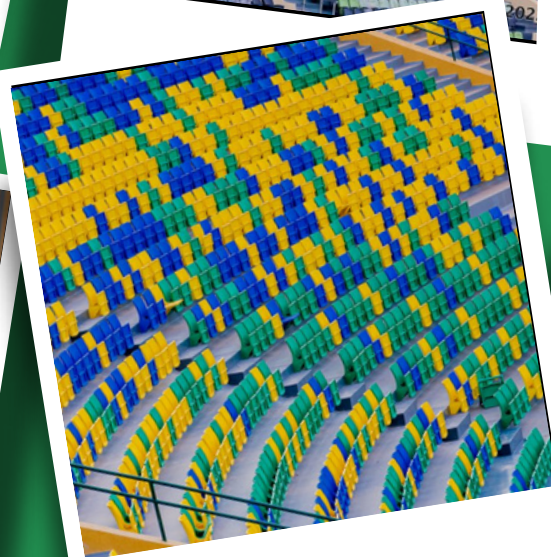
The 10 000-seat facility has been under renovation since late April 2022.

The stadium needed a facelift to meet international standards and is the only venue so far allowed to host international football matches as per the Confederation of African Football's required standards.

Some 2100 new seats were added to the stadium's Taba wing to upgrade the stadium's capacity from 7900 seats to 10 000 upon completion.

Some key aspects that were taken into consideration during the renovation works include media area, changing room, public toilets and bathrooms for players as well as the roofing.

Huye Stadium is the second biggest stadium in Rwanda after Amahoro stadium which is also under a major upgrade that will see the facility's capacity improve by 45 000 seats, upon completion, up from the initial 25000-seat capacity.





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