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In this 11th edition of the Rwanda National Police (RNP) "The Community Voice" quarterly magazine, we bring you major development activities the force has implemented between December 2014 and April 2015.

Everyday, weekly, monthly, quarterly and every year, RNP has specific set targets, all aimed further making the people living in Rwanda feel safe, involved and reassured.

It is worth noting that all these achievements are realized due to the visible and active partnership with different stakeholders. The role played by the general population in the success of community policing strategy can't go unmentioned in this case, which has improved safety and security in communities due to active community patrols, neighborhood watch, among others.

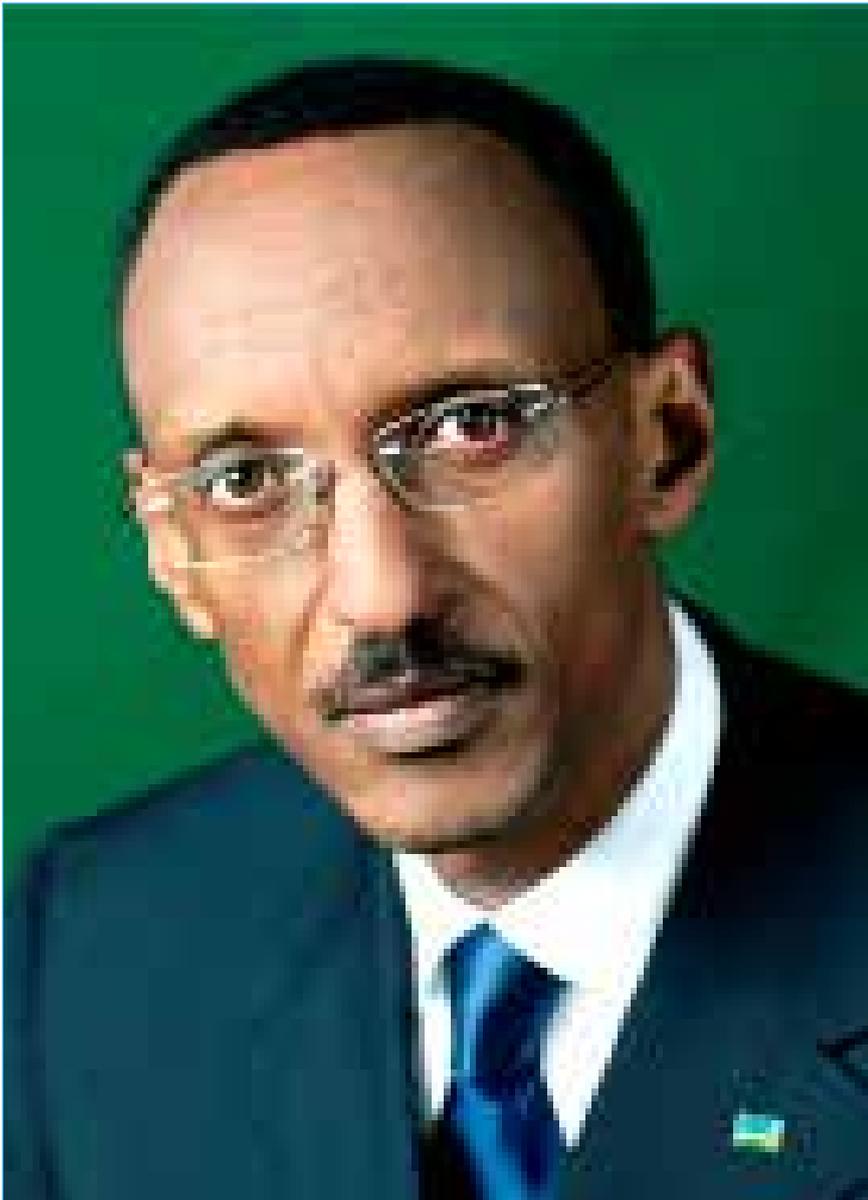
We are therefore highlighting in this 11th publication, the activities in which the most majority were conducted in partnership with various institutions, public and private, and of course the committed and patriotic Rwandans.

Some of these institutions include ministries, UN Family and embassies, and Rwanda National Police takes this opportunity to commend them for their continued support towards the realization of our mandate as a dedicated, quality driven, accountable, transparency force to safeguard the rule of law and provide a safe and crime-free environment for all.

We also give you a flashback of the year under review titled "Police Review 2014" which is an insight of major activities conducted in the past year and visitors the force received in the due course.

Cooperation and training remains one of our priority areas to counter the emerging security challenges jointly, which are sophisticated and transnational in nature.

NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE RWANDA DEFENCE AND SECURITY FORCES – H.E PAUL KAGAME



H.E. Paul Kagame

Fighting GBV should be top priority among African security organs – President Kagame

President Paul Kagame challenged governments and security organs in Africa to make the issue of gender based violence a top priority if the scourge is to be comprehensively approached and responded to effectively.

The Head of State made the remarks

on August 18 while officiating at the opening of the ‘Command Post Exercise Africa UNiTE II,’ at the Rwanda National Police General Headquarters in Kacyiru.

The second edition of the Exercise registered in the framework of Kigali International Conference Declaration (KICD) brought together 103 participants from 30 African countries under the theme: “Africa Security Organs’ Synergy to End Violence against

Women and Girls.”

“The only way to think about GBV is as a violation of rights, crime and indeed a threat to progress in Africa and around the world,” President Kagame said.

To call it anything else or less, he noted, would only “add to the assault”, adding that this kind of abuse is “completely unacceptable,”

“Women are our mothers, daughters, wives. What debate is there in treating them as decently as we have to?” he wondered, noting that violence against women and girls not only harms the victims, but also impacts negatively on the wellbeing of their families and communities.

“The equality of women is a cornerstone of our democracy. Therefore we have to work together in Rwanda, and globally to end these crimes. It requires more than words to protect women and girls from violence. Perpetuators must be held accountable and those who protect them must be shamed.”

The Head of State said that Rwanda’s security and defence forces have earned the respect and trust of Rwandans for restoring peace and stability while respecting and enhancing the dignity of each citizen they serve, including women.

“We have also worked hard to do what is right by establishing an institutional framework that expects the full participation of women in all aspects of national life.”

He said that there must be will, determination and values within all ranks to guide correct and professional conducts both at national and international peace operations, and to act without fear or favor.

I want you to preserve the core values that enabled us achieve success to this date: Selflessness, Discipline, Honour, Resilience and Humility among others.



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Crime prevention and road safety campaigns

In the year under review, the Rwanda National Police (RNP) continued its vibrant pace to further ensure safety of people living in Rwanda and their property and to make it a safer place that facilitates development and investment in the transformation process.

To achieve this, it required realizing set targets and strengthening the concept of community policing locally and working with local partners, on one hand, and enhancing cooperation with regional and international police force on the other hand, to effectively deal with the ever changing and emerging security threats which are transnational in nature, largely facilitated by porous borders.

All these are summarized under the key priority areas which include capacity building, crime prevention and



An Anti-GBV and Child abuse campaign conduct in 2014

road safety campaigns, international cooperation, anti-corruption mechanisms, e-policing, and infrastructure development.

Locally, like other years, RNP continued to build its varied policing

capacities and capabilities like training and acquiring more modern and hi-tech policing equipment in criminal investigation to support justice, road safety and procuring disaster response rescue vehicles.



First lady Jeannette Kagame cutting the ribbon to launch the scale-up of IOSC

Countrywide awareness campaigns against crimes like drugs abuse, domestic and gender based violence, human trafficking and road safety were conducted to further engage local communities to be active in responding to security challenges they face in their localities.

A special awareness against drugs abuse and human trafficking was also conducted in all refugee camps and in 200 schools while over 700 Members of Youths Volunteers were given skills through training sessions in Crime Prevention.

Scale up of Isange One Stop Centre

The First Lady Jeannette Kagame, on February 27, officially launched the scale-up of Isange One Stop Centre to all district hospitals across the country. The official launch of the anti-gender-based violence (GBV) centre was held in Nyagatare District where a completed centre was inaugurated. The scale-up aims at extending holistic services across the country through provision of free medical, psycho-social, forensic and legal support to GBV victims. Isange started as a pilot project in 2009 at Kacyiru Police Hospital and has since received about 80, 000 victims since its establishment. The scale-up is a partnership between RNP, Imbuto Foundation, Dutch Government and One-UN Rwanda. The launch of the scale up was also attended by the Netherlands ambassador to Rwanda, Her Excellency Leoni Margarita Cuelenaere, ministers Sheikh Musa Fazil Harerimana of Internal Security and Oda Gasinzigwa of Gender and Family Promotion.

Eleven Isange One Stop Centres have since been established and the target is to have 23 well equipped functioning centres by the end of 2015 and to connect all district hospitals by 2017.

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Gender Promotion in RNP

The annual exercise to promote gender in the force that has been termed as “Police Women Convention” was held for the fifth time under the theme: “Empowerment of Female Police Officers for Sustainable Development.”

The annual event brings together female Police officers to deliberate on how to solve issues affecting them in their day-to-day duties and how to poverty, one of the presumed causes of crime.

Police Week dedicated to health and community development

The activities to mark the RNP 14th anniversary since it was formed in the year 2000 and 20th liberation celebrations – Kwibohora20 – held in June, focused mainly on consolidating RNP achievements in contributing to health and medical services especially offered by Isange One-Stop Centres and Kacyiru Police Hospital; and supporting vulnerable families.

RNP paid medical insurance premiums (Mutuelle de Sante) for 1, 500 people, gave ten cows and awarded eight individuals and groups with Rwf2.3 million for composing best songs and poems that promote Police-Public partnership through the community policing proactive approach.

Financial support amounting to Rwf5 million were also donated to commercial motorcycle and bicycle operators in Rubavu, Musanze, Kicukiro and Gasabo districts.

RNP and Gasabo district jointly donated five motorcycles to commercial bicycle operator to support and motivate them upgrade from bicycle to motorcycle taxi business.

The house built by RNP worth Rwf9 million was handed over to the beneficiary, Felicitee Mukankundiye, a vulnerable genocide survivor in Busasamana sector of Nyanza district and inaugurated the construction of other four houses for vulnerable communities in the district.

Other donations included mosquito nets, 420 mobile phones given to Chiefs of Villages (Umudugudu) in Nyanza to ease the communication in

engage female Rwandans in security issues and peace building.

Road Safety

Road safety campaigns were conducted codenamed traffic week April

2014 and Traffic Month in Aug-Sept, 2014, which contributed to significant road accident reduction.

The force further engaged in human security and community development activities in particular, to alleviate



A walk to promote road safety

crime prevention.

Four completed Police posts valued at Rwf70 million were inaugurated in the sectors of Gahara, Mahama, Mpanga and Kigarama in Kirehe District and handed over to Police.

‘Police Book’ launched

For the very first time in the history of Rwanda National Police, a ‘Police Book’ was launched on July 31 2014, documenting policing triumphs in the post-genocide period and tribulations dating as far back as the colonial and

post-colonial era.

The 260-page book comprised of six chapters, titled “Policing a Rapidly Transforming Post-Genocide Society” was launched under the theme “20 Years of Partnership in Policing.” The Rt Hon Prime Minister launch officially the ever first police Book

During the same event, RNP in conjunction with the Ministry of Local Government and One-UN-Rwanda awarded five vehicles to four districts and Kinyinya sector in Gasabo district, for their outstanding cooperation in crime prevention through community policing. The awarded districts were Ruhango, Rusizi, Kirehe and Burera.



PM Anastase Murekezi launching the Police Book

Ongoing 4th edition of ‘Security and Hygiene’ campaign

The RNP and the City of Kigali, on November 19, launched the fourth edition of the competition in ‘Security and Hygiene’ among sectors and districts that will run until the end of May 2015. The campaign focuses on mobilizing citizens towards accelerating and maintaining security as well as sanitation in and around Kigali City. Important issues to address dur,

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Launch of the 4th edition of security and hygiene campaign

Major Foiled criminal activities and arrested suspects

Criminal plans of the DRC-based genocidal forces were foiled and based on credible information provided by members of the public, 35 people including local leaders, were arrested over conspiracy against established government and terror activities.

TIGO fraudsters arrested

Two people, both 'Super Agents' of Tigo Cash, suspected of being part of a cybercrime ring that conducted a sophisticated scheme through which they illegally obtained Rwf495 million from the telecom company, were apprehended.

Drug traffickers arrested

Four drug traffickers, who were in transit, were also intercepted at Kigali International Airport with 8.5 kilogrammes of cocaine valued at Rwf299 million.

Three of the suspects, Rwandan nationals traveling on Belgian passports, were apprehended on November 18 with 7.4 kilogrammes of cocaine valued at Euro 296, 000 (Rwf254 million) and were on transit from Sao Paulo, Brazil through Doha and Dakar.

The four cocaine trafficker, a Ugandan born traveling on British passport, was intercepted on August 23 en route to Entebbe from Bujumbura with one kilogramme of cocaine valued at about Rwf45 million.

Recovered evade taxes

The Revenue Protection Department

(RPD), a Rwanda National Police unit attached to Rwanda Revenue Authority recovered over Rwf956 million from tax evaders and smugglers over the past ten months.

In November, three people were arrested in Kigali for smuggling 270 tons of rice and forging customs documents with intent to evade taxes amounting to Rwf62 million.

Counterfeit goods seized in Interpol-backed operation

Counterfeit and illicit goods including pharmaceuticals, cosmetics and alcoholic drinks valued at over

Rwf14.5 million were seized in Rwanda in an Interpol-backed regional operation dubbed 'FAGIA Operation' conducted between December 1 and 3.

The operation was coordinated at part of the Interpol's 'Turn Back Crime' campaign which aims to raise public awareness of how crimes can affect people's daily lives, from potentially life-threatening poor quality counterfeit products, to funding organized crime through buying fake goods.

Among those intercepted are 170 print cartridges, all fake, 1632 bottles of a locally made alcoholic drink called Agashinguracumu using the East African Breweries package and 98 boxes of Vin de Tangawizi, a locally made illicit drink brewed by Umurage Enterprises.

It followed another successful operation code-named "Wipe-out" conducted in June where 500 print cartridges, 15 sharp television sets, vim, washing powder and other Unilever products, 30 boxes of baygon, insect-side, 30 cartons of royco, food flavor, nido, a powdered milk and forged Nike, sharp and lacoste products like shoes and T-shirts, were seized.

Recovering stolen money/goods

- US\$11,000 (over Rwf8 million) that had been stolen from a Ugandan businessman, Augustine Tibemanya,



Residents of Gatsibo and Nyagatare whose stolen cows were recovered

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His Excellence Paul Kagame inspects the Cadet Officers Guard of honour

at Gatuna border post on December 12, was recovered in Rwanda and handed over to the owner on December 31. The recovered money which is part of US\$16,000 that was robbed from the businessman is the only one that was transferred to Rwanda by a suspect identified as Hassim Kadafi.

- About Rwf20 million in different currencies stolen from DABCO, a local-based Turkish construction and trading company, was recovered just three days after it was stolen, handed back to owners. It was recovered from two of their employees, who were also arrested.

- 59 cows that had been stolen from various farms in Nyagatare and Gatsibo districts were recovered and repossessed by owners in late December, and 16 people were taken into custody, some of them who were caught red-handed.

- Four vehicles, one stolen from Rwanda, two in Kenya and one in DRC, in May, June and November respectively, were intercepted in Rwanda and handed over to owners, some of them who were represented by authorities from their security organs. The two Kenyan vehicles were at the time found wearing Burundian and DRC number plates and were recovered through joint investigations by forces in these countries, which is inevitable especially in dealing with cross-border crimes.

Training and force development

- 458 Police Officer Cadets, 87 of whom were females were commissioned in March 2014 by the President of the Republic, His Excellence Paul Kagame. In a colourful ceremony attended by heads of security organs, government officials, and parents and relatives of the graduants, the Head of State promoted the officers to the rank of Assistant Inspector of Police (AIP).

In his speech, President Kagame said: “Today is a big step in the quest to uphold the law, hold those who break the law accountable and lead them to join the rebuilding of our country. I urge you to uphold your responsibilities to the best of your abilities, fight corruption starting with

yourselves”.

- 1,323 officers, including 179 females completed the 10-month 9th Basic Police Course at PTS in March 2014 in the pass-out presided over by the Minister for Internal Security, Sheikh Musa Fazil Harerimana, who promoted the police recruits to the rank of ‘Police Constable (PC).

He challenged them to use the acquired skills to farther the force’s path to sustainable security. The event was also graced by the Inspector General of Police, Emmanuel K. Gasana, DIGP in charge of Operations, Dan Munyuzza, Maj. Gen. Paul Rwarakabije, the Commissioner General of Rwanda Correctional Services (RCS) and other senior officers and local leaders.



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• A total of 387 Police officers in December completed a counter terrorism course at the Police Counter-Terror Training Centre in Mayange, Buge-sera district as the force continues to build capacities of officers in various policing disciplines.

The training focused on two disciplines; VIP Protection which lasted for three months and benefited 99 officers including 11 females, and Special Forces' training in which 288 officers took part.

Minister for Internal Security, Sheikh Musa Fazil Harerimana presided over the pass-out.

Although Rwanda has not yet experienced public demonstration that requires police intervention, it is crucial for officers to acquire all modern policing skills, adding that it also helps them execute their duties well in peacekeeping missions, where they are charged with crowd control, among other tasks.

• 28 Police students of the second intake of the Senior Command and Staff course graduated in August from the National Police College in Musanze

The officers were from Uganda, Burundi, Ethiopia, Swaziland, Kenya, South Sudan, Tanzania, Zambia and Rwanda, the hosts. The one-year course offers strategic leadership and Master's programme in Peace Studies and Conflict Transformation offered in partnership with the Centre for Conflict Management of the University of Rwanda-College of Arts and Social Science.

It combines Police components, which include 'operational staff work of police' offered by Rwanda National Police, 'strategic leadership and management,' (level seven certificate), offered by the UK-based Bramshill Police College.

The third intake also started on August 25 with a total of 32 officers from eight countries.

• 30 Police officers including five from South Sudan National Police Services, on December 10 completed the third intake of the 'Intermediate Command and Staff Course' which was organized to reinforce and equip the officers with more policing skills in line with the changing policing environment.

The course also conducted at NPC



covered courses in; routine staff work, operational staff work, insurgency and counter insurgency, introduction to campaign planning, leadership and management skills, basic computer and communication skills, crime scene management, media and community policing and international relations.

• 28 Police officers from Rwanda, Uganda, Ethiopia and Kenya undergone a one-month Formed Police Unit (FPU) Training of Trainers (ToT) Course at the Peace Support Training Centre in Gishari.

It was the second intake of its kind to be conducted at the center dubbed the 'Regional Centre of Excellence.' The training was organized by Rwanda National Police (RNP) in partnership with the Eastern Africa Standby Force (EASF) Police component.

• A team of 30 fire fighters police officers from Fire and Rescue Brigade underwent a four weeks basic training session in firefighting techniques. The officers were equipped with valuable knowledge by Mugolds, a British expert company in firefighting.

The training answered most of the whys, to comfortably plan ahead of execution hence guaranteeing faster and effective interventions.

This basic training course will be followed other advanced ones including Training of Trainers (ToT).

• 162 Rwanda National Police female

officers completed twelve-day United Nations Peacekeeping training, on September 12. The course was organized by RNP in partnership with UN and held at the former's headquarters in Kacyiru. It was meant to prepare the female officers ahead of the forthcoming peacekeeping pre-deployment UN tests also called Assessment for the Mission Services (AMS).

The 5th 'Police Women Convention' was conducted on March 24 under the theme: "Empowerment of Female Police Officers for Sustainable Development." The annual event brings together female Police officers to deliberate on how to solve issues affecting them in their day-to-day duties.

COOPERATION

RNP signed MoU with 25 districts to jointly enhance the fight against crimes and poverty alleviation in the region. Five others had already entered the unique partnership in the previous year.

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Burundi, Uganda and Rwanda Police forces, on March 3, met in Kigali and agreed to lay joint strategies to fight cross-border crimes and share policing best practices.

During the meeting that brought together the Police Chiefs and representatives from the four, they agreed on joint operations and training, exchange of criminals and information,

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among others.

Rwanda, Burundi Police chiefs meet over bilateral cooperation

Rwanda and Burundi police forces met in Ngozi Province of Burundi and discussed various policing cooperation areas as outlined under the memorandum of understanding signed in 2013. During the meeting, a number of resolutions were also adopted. They include cooperation in responding to fire incidents, public order management, enhancing human trafficking counter-measures, sharing the existing I-24/7 communication network.

Rwanda, Uganda intensify anti-terrorism initiatives

Police officers from Rwanda and forces held series of meetings at Kagitumba, Gatuna and Cyanika border posts in December to increase awareness and vigilance against terrorism. development.

The Police Handball Club conquered the scene and made a high landmark, winning all the seven trophies in the seven competitions played, namely; national league, Labour Day, Liberation, Beach tournament, Memorial, Carré d' AS cup and the Rwanda Cups.



IGP Emmanuel K. Gasana received Interpol flag as a symbol to the action that will host the next AGM

Rwanda receives Interpol flag to host next 'General Assembly'

The Inspector General of Police, on November 7, officially received the Interpol flag, on behalf of Rwanda, as a symbol given to a nation that will host its next Annual General Meeting (AGM), set to be held in November this year in Kigali.

This was during Interpol's 2014 general assembly held in Monaco, which started on November 3.

About 1,500 people from 190 member countries are scheduled to attend.

Rwanda's community policing success story

The Minister for Internal Security Sheikh Musa Fazil Harerimana, during the 2014 AGM, also shared Rwanda's experience and success of community policing as an effective tool in the modern policing arena.

The proactive policing approach is one of the issues discussed during the assembly. Others included building stronger institutions for international police cooperation, technologies and techniques with a view to combat crimes.



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“Community policing has been a cornerstone of peace and security in general and crime prevention and reduction in particular; it has simplified the policing architecture in Rwanda,” Minister Harerimana said.

During this year’s general assembly in Monaco, Rwanda had an exhibition stand where it showcased its beauty and provided relevant information to the representatives over 1,500 participants on capabilities, development and investment opportunities.

4th Kigali International Conference Declaration

The fourth Kigali International Conference Declaration AGM on the role of security organs’ in ending violence against women and girls was successfully held in Kigali between November 24th and 25th bringing together participants from 40 African countries including Chiefs of Security organs, representatives from military and

correctional services, experts from major international, governmental and non-governmental agencies and prominent officials from the government of Rwanda, One-UN family and other development partners in Rwanda.

The experts evaluated the declaration implementation progress, review and validate working documents like strategic plan and fundraising strategy, and share best practices in combating violence against women and girls on the continent.

Organized by Rwanda through its security organs, the conference adopted 19 resolutions that will supplement the existing joint framework in the fight against crimes committed against women and girls.

Recommendations

The adopted recommendations include states allocating budget for smooth running of KICD, conducting continuous standardized and compre-

hensive trainings on VAWG including Training of Trainers (ToT) and holding the second Command Post Exercise in next June to enhance the capacities of security organs in dealing with Violence against Women and Girls in conflict and post conflict situations

The meeting also recommended “ISANGE One Stop Center” model in Rwanda as a holistic strategy to prevent and respond to VAWG, member states to equip police units with modern equipment to enhance evidence based investigations, Increase accountability of the security organs for quality service delivery in prevention and response strategies and to expedite the process of legal framework for the proper functioning of the KIC secretariat.

Formation of specialized working groups to monitor the implementation of resolutions on particular issues of VAWG and report annually, member states to adopt and strengthen the



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community policing strategy to sensitize the public to eliminate bad practices perpetuated against women and girls in the name of culture; partnering with Interpol and continued cooperation with One-UN; sharing best practices, information and research

and best practice.

'Turn Back Crime' campaign launched

Rwanda, on November 25, became the third African nation to launch the Interpol 'Turn Back Crime' glob-

al campaign to strengthen awareness programmes against organized crimes under the theme: "Turn back crime against women and girls: the synergy of African security organs."

The exercise that started with a 'Walk to end Violence against Women and Girls,' seeks to support the global police community in making the world a safer place.

Speaking at the launch, Alison Bernard, the Communication Officer for Interpol noted that crimes like GBV can't be defeated if it is still handled as a private matter adding that success in mobilizing the societies will be an effective tool in this fight.

Oda Gasinzigwa, Minister for Gender and Family Promotion commended the role Rwanda security organs play in combating GBV and restoring hope for women and girls adding that the security and safety Rwanda enjoys today should also bound everyone to even eliminate challenges women and girls face such as sexual violence.

3rd Sub-Saharan IACP conference

The two-day 3rd Sub-Saharan Africa International Association of Chief of



Turn back crime: A walk as a campaign to combat violence against women and girls



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Police (IACP) conference was successfully held in Kigali between March 3rd and 4th under the theme “Contemporary Policing for a Safer World.”

It brought together about 150 participants from 40 African countries including Chiefs of Police, senior Police officers and IACP members to strengthen the professionalism, cooperation, exchange of information and experience among police forces.

President Kagame called upon Police forces to strengthen cooperation as an effective way to deal with global security challenges which pose threat to the socio-economic transformation of communities and states.

The Head of State said: “Our collective aspirations are to improve the livelihoods of our people. We can achieve this more effectively when we pull our resources and efforts. Our people need a peaceful and secure environment to effect this transformation. This forum presents a strategic platform to optimize opportunities and check frets to our chosen path towards a safer and more prosperous world. For this to happen, increased collaboration is both inevitable and the answer.”

Rwanda’s “AFRIPOL” idea adopted

African Police Chiefs, during their two-day meeting on February 10th and 11th 2014 in Algiers, Algeria, unanimously adopted Rwanda’s fronted idea of establishing a continental body; African Police Cooperation Organisation (AFRIPOL) to effectively combat crime on the continent, jointly.

AFRIPOL intends to promote co-ordination at strategic, operational, and tactical levels through the assessment of threats, analysis of criminal intelligence, planning, and implementation of actions.

The new continental forum therefore seeks to fill the “common challenges” gap brought about by individualism in dealing with terrorism, organ-



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ised trans-national crime such as drug trafficking, cybercrime, counterfeit medicines, environmental crimes as well as serious disturbances of public order and social peace.

Peacekeeping operations

RNP continued its peacekeeping operations and promoting peace and security in other countries. About 450 police officers left for various UN missions. The force sent its maiden peacekeeping Formed Police Unit (FPU) contingent of 140 officers under the UN Multi-dimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in Central African Republic (MINUSCA).

The second and fifth FPU rotations in Mali and Haiti of 140 officers each, was also conducted while Commissioner of Police Vianney Nshimiyimana took over as the Police Commissioner for the UN Operation in Ivory Coast (UNOCI).



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Supporting sports development

The Rwanda National Police will continue to support the development of sports activities within the force and the country in general like football, handball, athletics and Karate, as one of the tools of social change, peace and development.

The Police Handball Club conquered the scene and made a high landmark, winning all the seven trophies in the seven competitions played, namely; national league, Labour Day, Liberation, Beach tournament, Memorial,

Carré d' AS cup and the Rwanda Cups.

Police FC also clinched third position on their debut appearance in the CECAFA Kagame Cup which ended in Kigali on August 24 after edging Uganda's KCCA 4-2 on penalty.

The RNP 'Karate-DO' club emerged the winner in the Kata category in a competition held in Rubavu district on October 12, 2014, which was organized by the Rubavu-based Zen Karate team under the auspice of the anti-drug abuse campaign.

Police Constable Console Birori also

won a gold medal during the Ambassadors Cup held between October 3 and 4 at Petit Stade in Remera in Kigali, which brought together participants from five African countries, namely; Uganda, Kenya, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda.

The 24-year old martial art player added the medal to other four silverwares in her career she won during the previous Ambassadors Cup, Never Again Genocide, Uganda Open Championship and the Gorilla Open.



Renewed call to break silence over GBV, child abuse

Rwandans have been called on to break silence about gender and child abuse related atrocities committed in communities in order to combat the vices and ensure that justice is served.

Oda Gasinzigwa, the Minister for Gender and Family Promotion sounded the call on April 5 while presiding over the official launch of the national Anti-gender based violence and child abuse awareness campaign.

The official launch of the awareness campaign was held at Nkumba Ubuto Training Centre in Burera district under the theme “Responsibility for all.”

It was also graced by Minister Francis Kaboneka of Local Government, IGP Emmanuel K. Gasana, the Governor of the Northern Province, Aime Bosenibamwe and the chairman of National Itorero Commission, Boniface Rucagu.

While speaking to over 500 youths, Minister Gasinzigwa said that this should be a moment for all Rwandans to reflect on what still affects community safety mainly issues related to gender violence and abuse of child rights like forced labour and defile-

ment among others.

She challenged the youngsters to actively partner with government institutions to put to light individuals involved in committing Gender related atrocities in communities.

“Your role in fighting and preventing challenges faced by women, girls and children is crucial. Be ambassadors of change; let’s join hands together, identify and point a finger where these crimes still exist so as to turn back what tarnishes the Rwandan tradition,” she said.

“We have sensitized the community enough, what follows now is to put to light and shame those who have kept deaf ears. We should meet again highlighting the milestone in this fight,” she added.

Lamin Manneh, One UN Resident Coordinator, noted that the international community gives values to such awareness programmes as an effective tool to break silence about issues faced by women and children and to bring everyone on board to combat them.

“Women shouldn’t be treated like an object. The UN stands by Rwanda’s ideal to fight such, and we are grateful

for what Rwanda and the national police have done to protect women and children rights. No doubt such awareness will realize the government’s goal in fighting these vices,” Manneh said.

He commended Rwanda National Police for the holistic approach of scaling up the anti-gender violence medical wing, Isange One stop centre.

The scale up of Isange One Stop Centres implemented in partnership with Police, Rwandan government and the Netherlands Government, provides free medical, psycho-socio and legal services to GBV and child abuse victims and ensures that human rights are respected.

Established in 2009 at Kacyiru Police Hospital (KPH) as a pilot project - more 12 centre have since been established in various parts of the country.

The launch of the national awareness campaign against GBV and child abuse proceeded the official closing of the third intake training in crime prevention of over 500 youth organized under “Rwandan Youth Volunteers in crime Prevention”, presided over by the Minister of Local Government, Francis Kaboneka.

The organisation is composed of over 7, 000 young men and women countrywide including students, who support vulnerable communities by providing medical insurance, livestock and other needs.

They carry out crime prevention awareness programmes in schools and communities against drug abuse, corruption and gender-based-violence, among others.



Police acquires four new fire fighting trucks



The Ministry of Local Government (MINALOC) handed over four new firefighting trucks to Rwanda National Police (RNP) which will boost its response to fire outbreaks at district and provincial levels.

The handover ceremony was hosted at RNP Headquarters in Kacyiru on April 16, where a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between MINALOC and Police.

The objective of the MoU is to endorse use and management of the firefighting trucks by RNP on behalf of districts - and they will be deployed in each of the four provinces to offer rapid response to any fire outbreaks.

"Between 2012 and 2014, Rwanda lost approximately Rwf 5 billion due to fires that ravaged buildings and properties throughout the country. We enhanced our capacities and ensured that we are equipped with skills and equipment to combat such fires - and we have been successful. The new trucks will boost our efforts to extinguish fires wherever they may occur," Inspector General of Police, Emmanuel K. Gasana, said at the ceremony.

He added that whereas most fire

outbreaks are recorded within busy Kigali and its suburbs the new trucks will enable Police to react faster to fire outbreaks in the rest of the districts.

Minister Kaboneka said that the new understanding between MINALOC and RNP will promote the already existing partnership between the two institutions and also act as a platform for future cooperation aimed at improving lives of Rwandans.

"The challenge of fire outbreak will be overcome through strategic partnerships, and it is through this realization that MINALOC acquired the trucks and handed over to Police for operationalization given the expertise, experience, skills and manpower to confront fires," he said.

"MINALOC will go further and educate the public to take precautions against harmful fires and also sensitize them about Police services that combat this challenge."

The new fire fighting trucks will be stationed; Nyanza in Southern, Rusizi in western, Musanze in Northern and Rwamagana in Eastern.

The RNP Fire and Rescue Brigade was inaugurated in 2000 with only one fire truck, but the department now has grown to 12 modern fire fighting trucks including Bronto sky-lift vehicle with capacity to extinguish fires of up to the 20th floor of storied buildings. Its 55-metre hydronic ladder can enable trapped people to climb down from storied buildings or lift fire fighters to that height to combat fires.

Police continuously offers trainings to both officers and the members of the public in order to increase their general knowledge and skills on how to avert fire outbreaks.

The force established a toll free number, 111, which citizens can call for emergency in case of a fire outbreak.





IGP Emmanuel K. Gasana and Prof. James Mcwha, the Vice Chancellor of UR after signing the MoU

RNP, University of Rwanda sign MoU to boost the force's capacity

Rwanda National Police (RNP) and the University of Rwanda (UR) have entered an agreement for the latter to reinforce the force's specialized education policing programmes.

The Memorandum of Understanding which binds all colleges under UR was signed yesterday at the RNP headquarters in Kacyiru between the Inspector General of Police, Emmanuel K. Gasana and Prof. James Mcwha, the Vice Chancellor of UR, who signed on behalf of their respective institutions.

The agreement will strengthen the existing partnership, following a previous agreement with the Colleges of Education, formerly Kigali Institute of Education in 2007, College of Science and Technology, former KIST and College of Arts and Social Science previously NUR in 2011, which operated independently at the time.

The new partnership under one university will therefore focus mainly on exchange of lecturers, staff and researchers to support the running of the National Police Academy (NPC) programmes.

Other areas will include mutual assistance in the establishment, development and validation of programmes and exchange of information relevant to policing training.

IGP Gasana noted that "RNP has a vision to ensure safety and sustainability of the nation to serve the people with integrity to realize sustainable development."

"RNP will realize its mission and vision because of the servicemen who are trained and professional. We therefore need to learn more and respond to modern policing challenges efficiently, a reason why we give more value to this partnership as a winning

symbol," he noted. Prof. Mcwha observed that this is a "turning point" for the two institutions.

"Rwanda is a very fortunate country and its police force has a tremendous reputation and we will help develop that reputation further, to help them understand what the issues are in the society and to support them in developing latest technologies to be used in policing in areas of computer science, ICT and psychology," Prof. Mcwha said.

This partnership comes at the time when the force is more focused and engaged in training as a vital road to professional policing.

The force currently boasts of three schools; National Police College in Musanze District, Police Training School (PTS) in Gishari, Rwamagana District and Counter-Terror Training Centre in Mayange, Bugesera District.



Minister Musa Fazil Harerimana speaking at the 6th Police Women convention

6th 'Police Women Convention' focuses on empowerment

Women Police officers have been challenged to uphold discipline and selfless service, as well as be ambassadors of women empowerment and gender equality.

The Minister for Internal Security, Sheikh Musa Fazil Harerimana, made the call while addressing over 700 female officers at the 6th 'Police Women Convention' in Kigali yesterday.

This year's convention was held under the theme; "Enhancing Women Participation for Gender Equality."

In its 14 years of existence, Rwanda National Police has a force made up of 20 per cent female officers.

"But the most important factor is not just the growth of numbers, but the tireless work they do to ensure that Rwanda is safe and secure," Minister Harerimana said.

"As officers, respect the uniform. Make Rwandans understand that they can trust you at all times; that you are the overseers of justice in society. The way you conduct yourselves represents the way RNP is perceived, so you must be disciplined at all times," he added.

The Inspector General of Police, Emmanuel K. Gasana, said female Police officers are crucial in the policing strategies at RNP and asked them to work harder to solve society challenges.

He commended those who performed very well to the extent of getting awards in UN peacekeeping missions.

"Through this convention, you are obliged to reflect on the work you have done so far, find the gaps and their solutions, as well as recommendations on how to improve the Force," IGP Gasana noted.

Superintendent Gorette Mwenzangu, the Director of Gender Promotion at RNP, who spoke on behalf of the female officers, commended government for elevating the status of women in the country.

"Women faced so many challenges in the past and were always overlooked; even those that performed well were never recognized for promotion," she observed.

"Now it is a fair ground; everyone is assessed on their performance, while there is a deliberate effort at RNP to ensure that women are empowered

to rise through the ranks. This is an initiative that we appreciate, and as women officers, we have pledged to be patriots and protect our country against any injustices and crimes," she added.

The event was also attended by a representative of One-UN Rwanda, Nadine Rugwe, who pointed out the importance of RNP women officers' serving in UN peacekeeping missions.

Rwanda was the first country to deploy a contingent composed of only females in peacekeeping and currently among the countries with the highest number of female police peacekeepers in UN missions.

Rose Rwabuhiri, the Chief Gender Monitor reminded officers to always serve as role models to women by following up cases related to gender-based violence.

The annual event brings together female Police officers to deliberate on how to solve issues affecting them in their day-to-day duties.

Police intends to increase the percentage to 21 percent by the end of 2015 and up to 30 percent by 2018.

US to support RNP in peacekeeping

Rwanda's tremendous efforts and commitment to peacekeeping is visible and appreciated globally, a US official has said.

Ambassador Phillip Carter, the Deputy to the Commander for Civil-Military Engagement (DCME) of United States Africa Command made the remarks yesterday at the Rwanda National Police (RNP) headquarters in Kacyiru during a meeting with the force's leadership.

Amb. Carter had led a team of officials from various US agencies to a dialogue on how to reinforce RNP's peacekeeping capabilities under the United States "Africa Peacekeeping Rapid Response Partnership" initiative.

"Rwanda is recommended for tremendous efforts it is making in terms of global peacekeeping. We are here to build upon the successes registered in terms of ensuring global peace," Carter said.

Rwanda is the fifth largest contributor of peacekeepers in the world and second in Africa.

Amb. Carter noted that the US initiative intends to reinforce these peacekeeping capabilities.

Rwanda maintains about 5,000 police and military officers in various peacekeeping operations, with about 600 of them being police officers deployed in eight countries.

RNP also intends to deploy two more contingents of 140 Formed Police Unit (FPU) each, to South Sudan and Central African Republic (CAR).

"We are here to initiate talks with our Rwandan partners to examine how we can better reinforce the capacity of the Rwandan government – Rwanda Defence Force and Rwanda National Police – to rapidly deploy in peacekeeping operations."

"We are here to examine Rwanda's priorities and how best we can develop this new programme to meet the needs of the Rwandan government in the context of peacekeeping and encourage the ability to deploy rapidly in crisis."

The three to five year programme looks to engage six African countries that have shown a clear commitment to peacekeeping.

"Within this period, we are looking on how to build organic capabilities and capacities amongst these countries so that they can improve their capabilities to deploy rapidly to a crisis,"

Amb. Erica J. Barks-Ruggles, the US ambassador to Rwanda also acknowledged Rwanda's vital role in peacekeeping and internal initiatives laid to respond to international calls to peace building.

The Inspector General of Police, Emmanuel K. Gasana, who thanked the US government for the support, noted

that the partnership would supplement Rwanda's constitutional mandate of pursuing international peace.

The US supported RNP during preparations and deployment of the maiden contingent of FPU to Haiti in 2010.

IGP Gasana highlighted deployment of sniffer dogs, marine police and training officers in investigations in line with peacekeeping operations as areas the force needs to engage in to supplement its existing peacekeeping capabilities.

RNP established a Peacekeeping Pre-deployment Training Centre at the Police Training School in Gishari, Rwamagana District, which was named the 'Regional Centre of Excellence' to spearhead and equip regional forces with peacekeeping skills in various fields.

The centre established in 2012 has so far trained officers from about 13 countries, including a Formed Police Unit contingent of 140 officers from Burundi and an FPU Training of Trainers (ToT) course of officers from Uganda, Burundi and Rwanda conducted mid last year.

Police spokesperson, Chief Supt. Celestin Twahirwa explained that they are going to explore areas where they will cooperate especially in terms of training and logistical support.



Over 900 complete ‘Police Basic Course’

As Rwanda National Police (RNP) continues to bolster its ranks with well trained staff, the tenth intake of 916 recruits including 149 females, were successfully passed out after completing an intensive eight months Basic Police Course at the Police Training School in Gishari, Rwamagana District.

The recruits were given the rank of Police Constable (PC) by Minister of Internal Security, Sheik Musa Fazil Harerimana, who officiated at the colorful ceremony on January 5, which was also attended by IGP Emmanuel K. Gasana and senior police officers.

In his remarks, Minister Harerimana congratulated the graduates and urged them to use their newly acquired skills in helping Police to achieve its mission aimed at delivering high quality services, accountability and transparency and safeguard the rule of law.

“You all chose well to join the Police Force because it shows your dedication to serving your nation. The sacrifice you have made to protect your countrymen day and night from crimi-

nality and harm is invaluable and necessary for Rwanda’s development,” he said. “You must put what you have learned in practice. Remember that anything you do that is not backed by knowledge and skills is not complete; therefore, you must act professionally at all times. The world is developing with technology and Rwanda National Police has proved that it can go along with that pace.”

The Minister reminded the Police Constables the importance of maintaining citizens’ trust, which the police built over its 14 years of existence.

“A study last year revealed that Police conducts citizen trust of up to 87 percent in creating a safe, corrupt-free and crime free environment. This level of professionalism is admired internationally and in the region. You joined Police at the right time when we want that level of trust to even go higher,” he added.

The Commandant of the Police Training School, ACP Denis Basabose also congratulated the Constables and urged them to work with discipline and be patriotic at all times.

“The eight months you have spent at this school should be a basis for you to offer quality services and bring glory to Police operations. Always remember that you are governed by the core values of respect for human rights, integrity, teamwork and accountability,” he said.

In a bid to achieve its mission, RNP continues to pursue a consistent approach of professionalizing the force through training of its personnel in various modern Policing.

Currently, the Force has three schools; the Police Training School in Gishari, National Police College in Musanze and the Counter Terrorism Training Centre in Mayange, Buge-sera District.

The schools are mandated to provide high quality to national and African police officers and to build adequate capacity in facing emerging security and crime challenges.

Among its future prospects for the schools, RNP intends to open Masters of Science in Information Security and Masters in Criminal Justice and Human Rights.



Parade mounted by participants of the basic police course



Minister Musa Fazil Harerimana hands over a certificate of completion to one of the counter terrorism course participants

380 Police officers complete counter terrorism course

A total of 387 Police officers, on December 27, completed a counter terrorism course at the Police Counter-Terror Training Centre in Malyange, Bugesera district as the force continues to build capacities of officers in various policing disciplines.

The training focused on two disciplines; VIP Protection which lasted for three months and benefited 99 officers including 11 females, and Special Forces' training in which 288 officers took part.

The Minister for Internal Security, Sheikh Musa Fazil Harerimana, who officiated at the pass-out, said such trainings "present a well performing and capable force."

"Before 1994, the leadership and security organs of the time had a saying that an intervention comes after an

incident. This created shame, unworthiness and made the genocide inevitable," Minister Harerimana said.

Although Rwanda has not yet experienced public demonstration that requires police intervention, it is crucial for officers to acquire all modern policing skills, adding that it also helps them execute their duties well in peacekeeping missions, where they are charged with crowd control, among other tasks.

"Such trainings are in line with the government's policy of initiating home-grown solutions, building capacities, values and dignity of officers, and use such skills to restore peace and security in other countries," he added.

Among those holding professional positions is Commissioner of Police Vianney Nshimiimana, currently

heading the UN Police component in Ivory Coast.

He challenged the graduands to utilize the acquired skills towards sustainable security.

Assistant Inspector of Police Diana Mukundwa, the best overall performer in VIP Protection course, said the course was beneficial to her as an individual and the force in general.

"I can defend myself in times of need, and also protect those I am assigned to protect. This is an important element to a professional officer and I am happy for being part of this training," AIP Mukundwa said.

Participants in the VIP protection course focused on physical training and security, surveillance, map reading, anti-terrorism and explosives.

On the other hand, the Basic Special Forces course focused on tactical skills and crowd control, martial arts, which are among the basic skills for Special Forces.

Training is among the priorities of the force to build capacities of the officers, which is seen as the basic requirements towards Police professionalism.

UN honors exceptional Rwandan female peacekeeper

Sergeant Felicite Mujawamariya can only be described with a few words; hardworking, innovative, patriotic and skilled.

During her one year stay in Sector South, Darfur, serving under the United Nations–African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) since January 2014, Sgt Mujawamariya always proved to be exceptional, doing what she was required to do with excellent performance, but also sacrificing her time to go beyond to pass on her skills to refugees and residents in Darfur.

Her Commander, Police Commissioner Hester Adriana Paneras from South Africa, recognized her efforts in a message, citing that she was “articulate in her duties” as the coordinator of gender related projects, while

also being “exceptional in preparing community policing initiatives.”

“Mujawamariya’s performance is exemplary and her initiatives have impacted positively on the population in the mission area as well as her fellow peacekeepers,” Commissioner Paneras said.

Among her notable initiatives, Mujawamariya reached out to vulnerable refugees in Darfur and taught them quick impact skills such as weaving and soap making, while also serving as an English Teacher to the young and old.

She is among the 30 Individual Police Officers (IPOs) including 19 girls, who returned from mission in Darfur and South Sudan on January 11.

This overwhelming selflessness she portrayed was very essential in improving the lives of several refugees who took on small business initiatives using the skills they had attained.

“My motive was to do everything I can to help on top of profes-

sionally serving in my peacekeeping role,” Sgt Mujawamariya, in an exclusive interview at the Rwanda National Police Headquarters in Kacyiru.

“I reached out to many refugees and residents in Sector South, Darfur, and together, we sought out ways in which they can improve their daily lives. Some of them now know how to make soap, weave clothes or can speak Basic English.”

Mujawamariya’s other exceptional initiative was through sensitizing the residents about the scourge of Ebola, which has so far killed over 8, 000 people in West Africa.

Using her background as medical personnel, Mujawamariya, with her knowledge on the Ebola virus, she sensitized area residents and carried out drills on preventive measures.

“Ebola was feared all over the continent and although it was not in Darfur, the population was scared that it could spill over. After understanding how it is spread, I constantly reached out to the refugees and residents and educated them about how to avoid contracting Ebola and how to respond in case there is an Ebola situation,” she said.

ACP Jimmy Hodari, Commissioner for Peacekeeping commended her efforts saying that all Rwandan Peacekeepers in the Individual Police Officers are well trained and professional in promoting Rwanda’s image abroad.

For her exceptional service, Sergeant Mujawamariya, was last year awarded with a medal of excellence by the UN for her outstanding performance in reform and restructuring as the UN Team Site Commander in Darfur.

Rwanda is currently among the leading contributors of female police officers in peacekeeping missions, and is among the few countries that have elaborated the UN Security Council resolution 1325 action plan.

Resolution 1325 urges all actors to increase the participation of women in conflict resolution, peacekeeping and incorporate gender perspectives in all United Nations peace and security efforts.





Thirty-eight African countries in a dialogue of ending violence against women and girls on the continent.

RNP's gender promotion initiative exemplary, UN says

Rwanda National Police (RNP) has fostered an ideal gender-promotion environment that has enabled women to have a platform on which they can exercise their rights and freely contribute to the security development of the country.

Lamin Manneh, the ONE-UN Rwanda Resident Coordinator said this on December 23, last year during a training workshop for commissioned female officers, held at the RNP Headquarters in Kacyiru.

The workshop which was opened by the Minister of Gender and Family Promotion Oda Gasinzigwa attracted 100 female officers under the auspices of RNP and ONE UN, to enhance the female officers' capacity in various policing duties. Speaking at the workshop, Manneh said that Rwanda's image as a champion of gender equality has continued to rise internationally and commended RNP for recognizing the special work done by women officers.

"We share Rwanda's vision of being a country free from all forms of discrimination, especially those based on gender; a country that is almost free of corruption provides this generation and the future generation a platform to fully participate in the affairs of the country," Manneh said.

"In many countries of our continent there is strong expression to improve gender equality but it is not followed up by strong actions to implement these expressions. Rwanda is an exceptional country that has put in action these dreams," he added.

He praised RNP for enabling female officers to get promoted at the same footing as their male counterparts, and added that the achievements made in

the promotion of gender equality in Rwanda came as a surprise considering its dark past plighted by the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi, where gang rape and defilement was also used as a weapon.

"Who would have thought that one day women will be sitting in high level positions in institutions such as Police, military or parliament? Rwanda's achievements rank high and even better than those of developed nations," he said.

"We are also happy to note that female police officers from Rwanda are playing a very important role in peacekeeping missions around the world. It is only through visionary leadership and commitment that Rwanda has turned a dream into reality."

The Inspector General of Police, Emmanuel K. Gasana, told the conference that gender promotion empowerment has positively impacted policing strategies and has enabled modest progress to be achieved over a period of time.

"Gender equality is not a favor but a right," he said, adding that: "A country cannot fully develop if women are not given the right environment to contribute economically."

"We always seek to give more opportunities to female officers; when more of them get higher ranks, they inspire their young women to work hard and do their part in developing the country."

IGP Gasana said the force has taken various initiatives to promote gender in the force and to be part of peace building and development both at home and in other countries.

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the UN Security Council resolution 1325 action plan.

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Another officer, IP Felicite Mujawamariya, was also recently awarded with a medal of excellence by the UN for her outstanding performance in reform and restructuring as the UN Team Site Commander in Darfur.

Minister of Gender and Family Promotion, Oda Gasinzigwa, commended Police for having a commendable number of female officers leading in various capacities, adding that the achievement is part of the government's political will attain sustainable development through affirmative action.

"Gender promotion is a big step in the security and safety structures which were previously perceived to be a male business. Our country's policy has proven that women can make tangible contribution in all sectors of development," she said.

"I also thank the men, the commissioners and police officers for really supporting their fellow women officers to achieve their aspirations."

Currently 20 percent of the total Police force is composed of women and the force is moving towards the 30 percent minimum requirement.

The RNP also holds the 'Police Women Convention', annually, which brings together female Police officers to deliberate on issues affecting them in their day-to-day duties.

Female officers were also given right to operate in areas of their families.



We need concerted effort to overcome modern crimes - Busingye

The Minister of Justice, Johnstone Busingye, said that law enforcers need to work even harder and cooperate among themselves to ensure that emerging crimes like human trafficking, terrorism, Money Laundering, cybercrimes among others are tackled effectively.

Busingye was speaking at a workshop organized on March 20 by Rwanda National Police (RNP) which brought together judicial police officers and prosecutors to chart strategies on how to improve criminal investigations and prosecution of offenders.

The event held at the RNP headquarters in Kacyiru, was also graced by the Inspector General of Police Emmanuel K. Gasana and the Prosecutor General Richard Muhumuza – and was attended by senior police officers and officials operating in the Criminal Investigation Department and other justice sectors.

“All crimes, big or small, have negative impact on national development and must be tackled through systematic planning and fruitful cooperation between Police, national entities, regional and international law enforc-

ers,” Busingye said.

“Emerging crimes such as human trafficking and cyber crimes may not be on a large scale in Rwanda, but there is no doubt that they are a problem we cannot afford to ignore. We need to develop more platforms for investigators and prosecutors to devise new ways to tackle such crimes.”

He also commended the visible capabilities being registered by RNP and the selfless duties by enforcers who continuously seek for evidence that helps during the prosecution of offenders.

The Inspector General of Police, Emmanuel K. Gasana, told participants that to deal with contemporary crimes and sophisticated criminals effectively, it is necessary for law enforcement to become smarter and better equipped.

“Law enforcers must learn the latest technologies; understand how technologies are abused by criminals, as well as how to deploy technology to enhance investigation and prosecution. In addition to this, enforcement organs have to cooperate more closely by sharing intelligence, investigating

wanted criminals and conducting joint enforcement actions,” he said.

“Over the past years, the justice sector has achieved a lot – and together with Police and other security organs, human rights and justice in our country have been promoted. Only by working together can we effectively tackle all crimes.”

IGP Gasana mentioned that Rwanda’s cooperation with regional bodies, such as the Eastern Africa Police Chiefs Cooperation Organisation (EAPCCO) and internationally with INTERPOL, have enhanced RNP standards and enabled the force to extend its arm beyond traditional borders to pursue criminals and fugitives in other countries.

“Regional and international cooperation has led to many successful operations which have crippled criminal syndicates in our region. Through training and establishing regional and international intelligence-sharing protocols, RNP will continue to detect and suppress crime for the benefit of people living in Rwanda,” he said.

Prosecutor General, Richard Muhumuza said “the Criminal Investigation Department and the National Public Prosecution Authority have a duty to ensure zero tolerance to crime and in their day-to-day work, they are two faces of the same coin.”

He added: “Cooperation and sharing of experience to achieve this common objective of saying no to crime is an imperative; there is no doubt that this meeting and subsequent forums will enhance the capabilities to deal with crime.”

The workshop also witnessed fruitful debate among participants, who sought better mechanisms to constantly continue studying and laying strategies to tackle crimes like money laundering, terrorism, human trafficking and cyber crime among other.

Nyagatare: Thousands pay tribute to Genocide victims

Thousands of residents of Nyagatare District, on April 10, held a special commemoration activity organized to mark the 21st Commemoration of Genocide against the Tutsi.

The event held in Nyagatare Sector focused on fight against genocide denial and ideology.

Inspector General of Police, Emmanuel K. Gasana, who was also part of the mourners, told the residents that Police will continue its mandate of preserving peace and protecting people and their property.

During this commemoration period, IGP said, Police will continue to ensure security. He urged them to participate in planned community discussions to enhance historical clarity, get closer to

survivors as well as educate the public to ensure that this inhuman act never happens again.

“It is important that we all stand together and fight against any form of action aimed at denial or negating the Genocide against Tutsi. Rwanda is now a new chapter despite what happened. We were able to get out of ashes to create one of the most secure countries across the globe where safety has paved way for development.”

He noted that in collaboration with Interpol and other international and regional security organs, RNP has been able to trace some of the genocide fugitives all over the world who have been brought to justice, and will continue to pursue those still in hid-

ing until they face justice.

The head of the Genocide Fugitive Tracking Unit, Jean Bosco Siboyintore, who also attended the discussions in Nyagatare, told residents to desist from any behavior aimed at dehumanizing or threatening Genocide survivors or engaging in any law breaking activities that are aimed at concealing the memory of what happened in 1994.

“Let us adhere to Rwandan laws that prohibit crimes against humanity and those that protect the Rwanda’s history against revisionist and defamatory ideologies. These laws were put in place to fight anything that can take us back in the past, yet we have moved on,” he said.

Inmates urged to fight genocide ideology

National Police (RNP) initiated discussions for prisoners aimed at fighting genocide ideology, denial and to honor those who perished 21 years ago during the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.

While speaking to inmates in Musanze Prison on April 9, Chief Supt. Dismas Rutaganira, the Northern Regional Police Commander, reminded them that speaking the truth will continue to heal the wounds of the survivors and a crucial factor in unity and peace building.

He reminded them that they have an important role to play in the fight against genocide revisionist ideologies, especially among individuals

who may seek to spread such ideologies within the prison population.

"While you are still in prison, endeavor to protect the history of Rwanda and do not support anyone with genocide ideologies. Even when your time for being released comes, maintain the culture of being a truthful Rwandan and contribute meaningfully to the development of your communities," he said.

The inmates were also led in prayers by Pastor Jonas Matabaro Mporana of Musanze Restoration Church, who also urged them to live Godly lives by honoring those who were murdered in the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.

"We should all denounce the evil

that happened here in Rwanda in 1994, which was orchestrated by leaders and Rwandans against their fellow Rwandans. As individuals, you should be the difference and lead others in protecting the image of survivors and honoring the memory of Rwanda's history," Pastor Matabaro said.

One of the inmates, Ezechiel Bazimenyera, who spoke on behalf of others, commended Police for providing a platform on which they can discuss about the genocide and provide testimonies in memory of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.

"Rwandans know what happened in Rwanda was evil and those trying to refute that the Genocide happened are only in self denial. We should always have such frank discussions to speak the truth and find the way forward, and sensitize those who still harbor ideologies," he said.

Police renovate genocide survivor's



Police officers carrying bricks to construct a house of the widowed genocide survivors

As part of the activities to mark the 21st anniversary of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi, Rwanda National Police (RNP) has renovated a house of a genocide survivor widow in Musanze District.

The widowed survivor, Annonciata Mukamugema, 55, is a resident of Cyabararika Cell in Muhoza Sector.

This was after Police officers operating in the Northern Region identified her as one of the most vulnerable survivors.

The support worth Rwf2 million included renovating her residential house, constructing a kitchen and a toilet. The money was contributed by officers operating in the region.

Construction works began on April

12 and were presided over by the Northern Regional Police Commander, Chief Superintendent Dismas Rutaganira. CSP Rutaganira reiterated that the works are inspired by the need to work together in improving the lives of all Rwandans.

"In such days of remembrance, genocide survivors need the respect and assistance from everyone in society. We are all Rwandans aspiring to make our country better; we can only do that if we work together and uplift fellow Rwandans who need our help," he said.

"It is through this thought that officers decided to raise funds and buy housing equipment that we are using to renovate Mukamugema's house,

which is one way in which the Force is commemorating the Genocide."

The Executive Secretary of Muhoza Sector, Jean Paul Sebashotsi, welcomed the initiative saying that: "Facilitating Genocide survivors are a very important aspect of commemorating the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi. Such acts indicate the high level of unity and togetherness that Rwanda has attained."

He reminded residents to be vigilant against any genocide ideologies like denial and revision, and threats against survivors, and urged them to cooperate with Police by providing timely information against any individual that may be involved in any sort of criminality.

The Minister for Disaster Management and Refugees Affairs, Seraphine Mukantabana has praised Rwanda National Police for its speed and efficiency in carrying out safety operations for refugees that seek asylum in Rwanda.

She made the remarks on January 14, in Musanze District; during the official launch of an exercise on refugee influx simulation code named “Twitegurire Hamwe”.

The three-day exercise was organized jointly by the Ministry of Disaster Management and Refugees Affairs, Rwanda National Police and the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) – through which the institutions developed and organized a drill exercise to test institutional capabilities to respond to future mass movement of population and refugees influx.

“Pursuant to the constitution of Rwanda, RNP has the responsibility to play a critical role during emergency response and assist the civil administration when the response is beyond our copying capability,” Mukantabana said.

“Rwanda is no stranger to mass population movement. Over half of the current population at some point had the status of a refugee. When called upon, Rwanda has unquestionably provided asylum to refugees from neighboring countries and it will continue to do so,” she said.

The Minister added that the simulation exercise stemmed from a framework created by the ministry to prepare Rwanda not only for a massive influx of refugees but for natural disasters that may lead to internal migrations.

“This framework will enable the Ministry, RNP and other partners to be both effective and agile in the face of an unexpected situation in terms of finding solutions for protracted refugee situations and durable solutions through integration of returnees and expellees,” she said.

The Inspector General of Police, Emmanuel K. Gasana, noted that the exercise is timely considering that the



The role of Police in refugee safety is paramount, Minister Mukantabana

region has in history been characterized by conflicts and spillover effects that have led to increased human displacements and refugee crises.

“It is imperative that our efforts in preparing to handle any humanitarian crisis be harnessed and improved through training, information sharing and exercise plays. It is against this background that we organized this joint exercise with a view to testing the country’s stakeholders’ preparedness to handle any humanitarian crisis that may cause a refugee influx,” said IGP Gasana.

He added: “The exercise also aims at improving the national capabilities and interoperability of the key stakeholders to respond to disaster and humanitarian crisis and implementation of the national contingency plan for mass movement of people.”

His views were echoed by the UNHCR Country Representative, Adam

Saber, who said that preparing for emergency in any country should be a standard practice and a part of daily life.

“Rwanda could face a refugee influx that is a direct consequence of man-made catastrophe due to the politically volatile situation in the Great Lakes region. It is important to note that preparedness for an emergency does not imply the reality that it is actually happening. It simply allows appropriate response in the unfortunate case that an emergency does occur,” Saber said.

He observed that political instabilities and mismanagement of political agendas has often led to forced displacement of populations, requiring therefore, and international response.

In the situation of the Great Lakes, he noted, Rwanda could potentially turn out to be the destination country for refugees

During the three-day simulation exercise, a command post was created at Musanze Stadium, where individuals from various agencies will go through drills to improve their capabilities and knowledge in handling any imminent mass migrations in case it happens.

“This framework will enable the Ministry, RNP and other partners to be both effective and agile in the face of an unexpected situation in terms of finding solutions for protracted refugee situations and durable solutions through integration of returnees and expellees,”

Rwandan Peacekeepers commemorate Genocide

Rwandan Police peacekeepers in Haiti, Central African Republic and Abyei were on April 7 joined by Rwandans in Diaspora, Friends of Rwanda, UN staff and peacekeepers, local authorities and residents in their respective mission areas, to mark the 21 anniversary of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.

All commemoration activities started with a 'Walk to Remember' and a moment of silence was also observed in remembrance of over one million innocent lives massacred in just one hundred days in an intended and planned ethnic extermination orchestrated by the leaders of the time.

In CAR, the Kwibuka21 ceremony organized jointly with the Rwandan military peacekeepers serving there, was presided over by the country's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Toussaint Doudou Kongo.

It was also attended by the Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary General in CAR, Aurelian Abgenonci, Gen. Martin Chomu Tumenta and Force Commander of the UN Multi-dimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Central African Republic (MINUSCA).

Minister Kongo noted that Genocide was a catastrophic event but "Rwandans decided to unite and live in harmony, which is a lesson to other countries in conflict all over the world."

"Having emerged from a Genocide that threatened to destroy it forever, Rwanda is now an active participant in maintaining world peace and is one of the biggest contributors of peace-

keepers in the world," he said.

"Let us all unite against differences that threaten to destroy us, just like Rwandans united after the Genocide to rebuild their country and make remarkable achievements."

Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Gilbert Gumira, the contingent commander of Rwanda Formed Police Unit in MINUSCA, reminded participants that the world needs to emphasize "Never Again" and together take a stand to fight against genocide and crimes against humanity.

In Haiti, Saint Louis Rosni, a Haitian representative, who presided over the commemoration event, noted that "Haiti honors the lives of Rwandans that perished" and denounced the "tragedy of Genocide which had destroyed Rwanda."

Rosni expressed disappointment and wondered why it happened in the presence of the whole international community, which could not help those who were in terrible circumstances.

In his remarks, Commissioner of Police (CP) Bruce Munyambo, Contingent Commander of RWAFFPU5 in Haiti, thanked the guests who owed their time to stand with Rwandans in these moments of grief.

"This is a tragedy that is considered the worst horror of the modern human history. Remembrance of our beloved ones is therefore very important," he said.

"Rwanda is now in development process and unity, and will continue to work in collaboration with friends

of Rwanda, our brothers and sisters from all parts of the world to contribute to international peace."

The commemoration activities in Haiti also included spiritual hymns from a local choir, Elie Shadai, in remembrance of the genocide victims.

In Abyei, Major General Birhanu Jula Gelalcha of Ethiopia, Force Commander of UNISFA, said that the 21st commemoration of the Genocide must be used as an occasion to look back on the past and confront the challenges of the present by renewing collective resolve to prevent such atrocities from happening again.

"Many countries now face grave security threats. Discrimination persists in societies torn apart by war, as well as in democracies that largely enjoy peace. Hatred may manifest as institutionalized racism, ethnic strife, or episodes of intolerance or exclusion," he said.

"Our first duty is always to prevent these situations and to protect vulnerable human beings in distress... by acting on early warning signs before they become more serious."

He further appealed to the international community to do more than just to speak about atrocities, but to take timely action to prevent them.

"I call on all to summon the courage to act before situations deteriorate based on our collective moral responsibility. This is critical for the maintenance of international peace and security," Maj. Gen. Jula said.



RNP peacekeepers in Haiti joined by other peacekeepers and friends of Rwanda to commemorate Genocide

Policing towards a crime -

Safety and crime prevention in the City of Kigali, like in other parts of the country, is a core element in the strategies of Rwanda National Police (RNP).

In each of the three districts that make up the city (Gasabo, Kicukiro, Nyarugenge), Police has set up strong units to combat both petty and serious crime problem, which has led to substantial improvement in both the reality and perception of safety among the citizenry.

Central Regional Police Commander, Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Rogers Rutikanga, on February 27, sat down with our media team to discuss the various mechanisms that Police employs to ensure safety and security, overcome the security challenges and to enforce the law in the City of Kigali.

Q: Kigali City appears orderly and is praised as one of the safest cities in the world. What is the trick behind this?

A: There is no trick to this. Hard work is the key. More than twenty years ago, Rwandan citizens had lost confidence in the country's ability to control crime and disorder on the streets of our cities, they were led astray – and this culminated into the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi. But today, the rule of law is emphasized and urban crime had been steadily dropping.

Now, there is an evident political will that puts emphasis on peaceful coexistence and a professional police force that is dedicated to enforcing order and the rule of law.

Q: How would you respond to claims that there is crime in the city?

A: Of course every city in the world has its challenges to safety and peace. The reality in Kigali is that we do have crimes related to burglary, drug abuse and smugglers, assault, auto thieves, robbers, purse snatchers, pickpockets

and the like. What we have at RNP is the will, skills, professionalism, efficiency and the means to ensure that the crime rate remains as low as possible.

It is for this reason that Kigali hasn't had a single armed robbery in as far

back as I remember – and this is because

Police is always alert through efficient operations and daily surveillance.

Q: Talking about crime, there are relatively high cases of pickpockets in the city; snatching ladies' bags or wallets, vandalizing car windows to steal electronics. This is a menace to society. How are you dealing with this issue?

A: At RNP, there is nothing like a petty crime or big crime. All crimes are dealt with accordingly and each case is treated with special care. Once we get a report from the public, we immediately begin investigations.

Sometimes, the victims and members of the public provide us with the names of suspects. If our investigations correspond with information provided, we apprehend those individuals and hand them over to prosecution; but if there isn't enough evidence, we release them and follow other leads.

Remember, police officers can't be everywhere. Community policing has proved to be a winning ideal in this case. Cooperation with Rwandans in solving crimes is for the benefit of you, your family,



ACP Rogers Kayihura

Free Kigali society

your neighbors and your neighborhood.

Q: How about the challenge of drug abuse and smuggling. How has Police ensured that this problem is limited, owing to the fact that cases related to abuse of drugs are among major crimes committed in the Rwandan society especially among the youth although they have reduced, and well knowing its devastating consequences to society?

A: Many urban communities in the world are now besieged by illegal drugs, which also come with the gang-related violence, theft and other crimes like gender-based violence. On top of that, drug trafficking threatens the civility of city life and undermines youth development.

RNP has been able to control the streets and rid them of crimes committed by drug users, while at the same time we have conducted successful operations that have led to arrest of drug smugglers and confiscation of a variety of drugs. Breaking the supply chain has been the backbone in combating drug-related crimes. Many of the suspects have been arrested, prosecuted and are serving their sentences – and we also conduct destruction of confiscated drugs in the public as part of the continuous police awareness campaigns.

On top of that, we conduct sensitization campaigns in communities to educate people about the negatives associated with abusing drugs and also approach schools to prevent the youth from experimenting with drugs.

Q: One of the biggest challenges to growing cities especially in developing countries is the issue of street vendors. Kigali is not an exception, as vendors can be seen on streets. Is police fighting a failing battle?

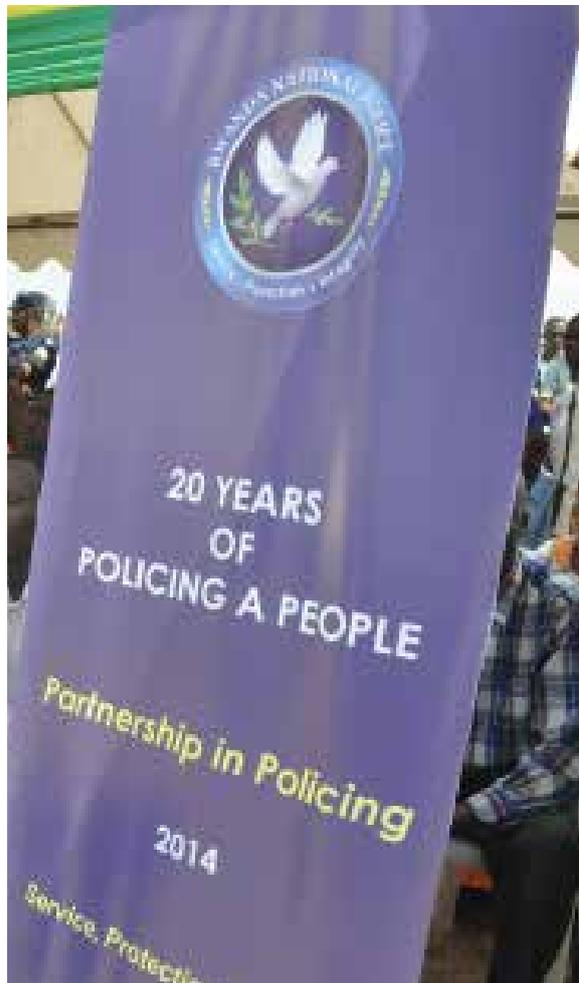
A: As you have mentioned, growing urban cit-

ies have many challenges and the one of street vendors is a big one. They pose threats to established businesses because, we get reports from traders that those vendors operate anywhere, sometimes, even in front of businesses that sell the same products that they vend.

Some people have migrated from the rural areas to Kigali city, and yet, most of them lack employable skills. This has forced them into street vending.

Police has worked with the City of Kigali authority to ensure that there are designated markets where street vendors can join and conduct real business. Many have listened to this advice and now conduct legitimate businesses; however some have remained adamant.

But this is a continuous process; we apprehend them, take them to transit centre where they are sensitized and given tips on advantages of working in designated markets and forming cooperatives. This idea is working although we still get and detain stubborn ones.



Q: How worried should Kigali dwellers be about counterfeit currency?

A: Counterfeit currency is not practiced on a large scale in Kigali; nevertheless, RNP is wide awake to ensure that no single case goes unpunished.

We have arrested several criminals in the past and work with financial institutions and traders to ensure that timely information is provided whenever there is an issue.

However, we call upon the general public to beware of criminals who may try to offer them fake currency in exchange for services or goods. You must be vigilant and watchful. Business premises should own machines that detect fake money – and also endeavor to alert authorities whenever they are suspicious.

Q: There is also an issue of conmen!

A: You are right. When it comes to conmen and the crime of conning, individuals have an important role to play. The public must know the tricks that these criminals use and avoid them. For example, if you know that you did not participate in any lottery, why would you be excited if someone called you and told you that you are the winner of a big prize?

Police has indeed conducted many successful investigations and apprehended suspected conmen, but the investigations are usually facilitated by information from residents.

Q: Lastly, what is your message to residents of Kigali?

A: People should know that police does not fight crime alone. In order to prevent and solve crime, and keep our community safer, we must work together through community policing.

All key municipal entities such as schools, businesses, municipal government and social service providers must all work together to cut crime and violence.

Residents should also organize and join neighborhood programs in which they sit together to learn how to protect themselves, their families and properties. By working together, we can get the criminals off our blocks.

If there is any challenge, Police offers are around-the-clock services and anyone can reach us on the toll free number 112.



police SPORT



No	Team	Pg	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	APR FC	18	12	04	02	31	09	22	40
2	AS Kigali	19	10	05	04	25	12	13	35
3	Police FC	19	08	08	03	23	12	11	32
4	Kiyovu	19	07	07	05	21	26	-5	28
5	Rayon	18	06	09	03	22	16	06	27
6	Gicumbi	19	06	09	04	13	12	01	27
7	Sunrise	19	05	09	05	18	16	02	24
8	Amagaju	19	06	07	06	21	19	02	24
9	Espoir	19	06	05	08	09	16	-7	23
10	Marines	18	05	07	06	13	17	-4	22
11	Mukura	19	04	07	08	14	21	-7	19
12	Etincelles	18	03	07	08	11	18	-7	16
13	Musanze	19	03	06	10	06	15	-9	15
14	Isonga	19	01	08	10	08	26	-18	13

National Football league top Scorers

- Baby M. Mbakiye..... SC Kiyovu **10**
- Songa Isaie..... AS Kigali **9**
- Muhindo J Pierre..... Amagaju – **9**
- Ernest Sugira..... AS Kigali – **7**
- Jacques Tuyisenge.... Police FC - **6**
- Bienvenue Mugenzi Marine – **6**











Serge Therriault inspecting a Guard of Honour mounted by RWAFPU5 in Haiti.

Rwandan peacekeepers introduce Umuganda concept in CAR

Rwandan peacekeepers serving under the United Nations Multi-dimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in CAR (Minusca) have introduced the home-grown community exercise, Umuganda, in the central African nation.

On February 28, the Rwanda Police, military and Correctional Services' peacekeepers mobilised residents of the fifth District in the capital Bangui and cleaned Koudukou road.

The fifth District is largely occupied by Christians, who are rivals to Muslims.

There was a big turn up of the locals, who welcomed the culture and thanked the peacekeepers for serving and helping the local people.

The exercise was followed by a community meeting, where the locals were

urged to voluntarily surrender arms and other military items they could be possessing illegally.

Gilbert R. Gumira, the contingent commander of the Rwandan Formed Police Unit, appealed to the residents to love one other, leave hatred behind and work together to develop their communities and the country in general.

Participants were also informed of the impact of Umuganda in the socio-economic development and agreed that the next communal exercise be held in the Muslim-dominated third District.

Rwanda maintains over 1,000 peacekeepers in CAR, including some individual police officers.

Love one other, leave hatred behind and work together to develop their communities and the country in general.









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