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## Kwibuka27: Lies do not define Rwanda— Kagame

Lies and falsehoods about Rwanda motivated by petty resentments do not define the country and will not determine the country's fate, President Paul Kagame said.

President Kagame was speaking at a ceremony to mark the 27th Commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi attended by about 500 Rwandans and friends of Rwanda at the Kigali Arena.

Kagame observed that often, there have been campaigns built on lies driven by disgraced former government officials and motivated by petty resentment.

The campaigns, he noted are often geared at altering falsehoods to make them facts, consequently making victims come off as the villains.

With that, acts of terrorism are portrayed as principled expressions of opposition and dissent, while Rwanda's response is singled out for criticism.

"My friends, you can tell any lie about me; you are free to do so. You can pile up tons of lies; it won't change me, absolutely not. It won't change this country to be what you want it to be. It doesn't matter how many lies. That I can promise you," he said.

The lies and falsehoods take multiple shapes and forms including publications by well-known publishers, reports by renowned organisations, misrepresentation of facts and statements by leaders among others.

Kagame noted that in other instances, misrepresentation of facts about the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi have been evident in terminology.

Friends of Rwanda

Kagame recognized countries and representatives who played a role when the United Nations had a problem with terming the events as a Genocide.

The countries, Nigeria, Czech Republic and New Zealand, he said, stood for what they believed was the truth adding that Rwanda will always be grateful to them.

**Lies do not define Rwanda— Kagame | The New Times**



**Do not be fooled, the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi was a climax of a long extermination agenda**

Ignorance of history is very detrimental but betraying humanity by intended distortion of the truth is the worst of human aberrant conduct. It becomes more disappointing when the public is led astray by people who forge an expert impression. 27 years later, deniers continue to mislead even the unborn by then.

But do not be fooled by deniers, their apologists and self-proclaimed experts on Rwanda, in actual sense malicious propagandists and revisionists bent on destabilizing Rwanda for their own or their master's interest. The truth always prevails and overrides the false narrative.

Prepared and tried over four decades, the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi is a historical fact. Any unbiased study of post-colonial Rwanda history can only conclude that what happened in 1994 was the climax of a long extermination plan orchestrated against the Tutsi by two consecutive genocidal regimes. Their cynical manipulation made citizens believe that Tutsi extinction was a green card to the country's apogee.

**Read the full Op-ed by Amb. Emmanuel Hategeka | The New Times**

## Rwanda, UAE to enhance cooperation in education



Rwanda and the United Arab Emirates are committed to enhance cooperation in the field of education in a way that benefit the two friendly countries.

On April 12, 2021, H.E. Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka met with H.E. Hussain Ibrahim Al Hammadi, UAE Minister of Education. Their exchange focused on enhancing cooperation among education providers, fostering Rwanda-UAE higher learning institutions partnerships through exchanges of faculty and students. Both sides also looked at strengthening Research and Development (R&D) through partnership with existing Centers of Excellence at the University of Rwanda and other Universities for improved research output and production like Joint Grant writing in identified priority areas. Another important point is potential collaboration on strengthening existing electronic research national data system with intelligent data platforms to support improved research in various areas.

"I had a fruitful meeting with H.E. Hussain Ibrahim Al Hammadi, UAE Minister of Education. I took the opportunity to thank the UAE Government for the ongoing scholarships accorded to Rwandan students and discussed other areas to broaden the cooperation in Education. Thank you, Your Excellency, for the unwavering commitment to broaden the cooperation in education sector for the benefit of our countries and people," Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka said after the meeting.

H.E. Hussain Ibrahim Al Hammadi reiterated his commitment to bolstering cooperation in the Education sector.

Rwanda and the UAE enjoy excellent cooperation in education. There are currently 34 Rwandan students studying on scholarships in different universities in the UAE.

Ambassador Hategeka meeting with H.E. Hussain Ibrahim Al Hammadi came as a follow up to his meeting with the then Rwanda Minister of Education Eugene Mutimura in December 2019.



## Business and Trade Rwanda, Saudi Arabia discuss trade and investment

On 21st April 2021, H.E. Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka held a virtual meeting with the Chairperson of Council of Saudi Chambers Mr. Ajlan bin Abdulaziz Al Ajlan along with his team. Their discussions focused on building partnerships between Rwanda and Saudi business community.

Ambassador Hategeka shared information on doing business in Rwanda and invited Saudi business delegation to Visit Rwanda soon to explore investment opportunities.

H.E Ajlan praised the great strides made by Rwanda in her development and as a good place to do business.

Both sides agreed to initiate institutional collaboration between the Council of Saudi Chambers and Rwanda's Private Sector Federation for exchange of business delegations and partnerships for investment.

## Lulu Hypermarket open to Rwanda's horticulture fresh products

Rwandan fresh products are set to rise on markets of the United Arab Emirates and the Gulf region following the interest of Lulu Hypermarket in stocking Rwanda's Horticulture products.

On 15th April 2021, H.E. Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka along with Minister Counsellor Edouard Bizumuremyi paid a visit to Lulu Hypermarket, a major retail chain of 209 hypermarkets and supermarkets in Asia and Middle East with 83 outlets in the Gulf region.

Meeting directors of the regional office, Ambassador discussed trade opportunities between Rwanda and Gulf region. Lulu Hypermarket said it is ready to open gates to Rwanda's fresh products.

Lulu Hypermarket works with experienced exporters ready to commit to quality and reliability of supply of Avocado hass and fuerte, Passion fruits, French beans, Apple Banana, Green banana, Sweet potatoes, Chili (red, green and habanero), Beans and other fresh products.



## Investment opportunities and incentives in Rwanda explained to Dubai Investment Group

On 15th April 2021, Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka along with Minister Counsellor Mr. Edouard Bizumuremyi paid a courtesy visit to Dubai Investment Group, a major holding company that owns and operates Dubai Investment Park hosting 4,700 companies and 663 factories.

The two sides explored UAE – Rwanda co-operation opportunities and incentives in Rwanda. Both sides also explored the possibility of replicating the Dubai Investment Park model in Rwanda.

Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka seized the occasion to extend an invitation to Mr. Khalid Bin Kalban Vice Chairman and CEO of Dubai Investments to Rwanda.

## Frontera Capital Group interested in bridging the funding gap in Rwanda

On 20th April 2020, H.E. Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka received a courtesy visit from Mr. Vicente Pons and Mr. Gordons Smith principals of Frontera Capital Group. Their exchange focused on bridging the funding gap for viable public and private projects in Rwanda.

Ambassador Hategeka presented the opportunity for Frontera Capital to set up shop in the Kigali International Financial Center to cover the region. Frontera will Visit Rwanda soon!



## Rwanda offers attractive incentives in manufacturing, Amb. Hategeka tells Emirates Float Glass LLC

On 22nd April 2021, H.E. Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka visited Emirates Float Glass LLC factory in Abu Dhabi, a subsidiary of Dubai Investments Group, his meeting with Mr. Abdulaziz Al Serkal CEO Building Materials and Mr. Saleem Raza GM of EFG focused on operation of glass manufacturing and the Africa Market.

Ambassador Hategeka took the opportunity to shed light on raw material availability and generous manufacturing incentives in Rwanda.

Emirates Float glass established in 2009 has a production cap of 600 MT of glass per day to be doubled in next two years. They export constructions glass to 65 countries including Rwanda! The two executives promised to Visit Rwanda soon to explore more business opportunities and regional market access.

## Rwanda Among Countries in Good Economic Recovery Trend – IMF Report

Sub-Saharan Africa's economic growth is set to recover in 2021 but the path to overcoming the long-lasting effects of COVID-19 pandemic will be difficult unless vaccination is given priority, International Monetary Fund (IMF) has said. IMF said that this year, sub-Saharan Africa is projected to grow by 3.4 percent, recovering from the 1.9 percent contraction in 2020—the worst on record—that resulted in a large increase in poverty.

According to the outlook report Rwanda which had a 0.2% growth in 2020 will recover to a 5.7% this year and 6.8% which is relatively close to the earlier 8% growth before the pandemic.



## UAE is ready to welcome the world to Expo 2020 Dubai!

With less than 6 months to go, the UAE is ready to welcome the world to Expo 2020 Dubai. Key UAE government bodies have committed to the structure of delivery of critical services and provision of facilities that will maximize the UAE's preparedness to welcome the world for Expo 2020 Dubai, to ensure the first World Expo in the Middle East, Africa and Asia is a resounding success.

Running from 1st October 2021 until 31st March 2022, Expo 2020 will coincide with the 50-year anniversary of the founding of the UAE, and highlight the country's role as a global connecting hub for people, ideas and innovation. Expo 2020 Dubai's site has been built to high environmental and sustainability standards, as well as the highest technological infrastructure, making it a true reflection of what responsible future cities could look like.



UAE is ready to welcome the world to Expo 2020 Dubai | WAM

## Trade enabler, DP World has launched DUBUY.COM, a global wholesale e-commerce platform that will enable local business access global markets

Trade enabler DP World has launched DUBUY.com, a global wholesale e-commerce platform. DUBUY.com is available first in Rwanda with plans to expand across Africa and around the world.

DUBUY.com adds digital trading corridors to the physical corridors DP World has built across the African continent with its investment in ports, terminals, and logistics operations. DUBUY.com is partnering with local businesses and the Rwandan Government to help unlock access to global markets for small and medium-sized local enterprises, using DP World's end-to-end integrated supply chain services to fulfil orders for export and to receive goods. The platform also enables global companies to find and serve new trading partners in Africa, opening access to fast growing markets.

DUBUY.com is the first online store created for all Rwandan licensed exporters, importers, and manufacturers. In Rwanda DP World has already invested in a logistics hub which offers container handling, cold chain, and bonded warehouses. DP World Kigali enables trade as a key gateway to the heart of Africa and connecting to Mombasa and Dar Es Salaam on the Indian Ocean. The addition of DUBUY.com will empower business owners in Rwanda and help realise the country's vision of becoming a digitally enabled African economy, while also accelerating recovery from COVID-19.



DP World launches e-commerce platform as a new digital trade corridor for Africa | RDB Website



## Rwanda tops region in Rule of law: new report shows

Rwanda has **ranked first** in East Africa in adherence to rule of law and ranked 37th globally, and within the region it is followed by Tanzania at 93, Kenya at 102, Uganda at number 117 globally out of 128 countries, according to the latest global report.

The report is dubbed "The World Justice Project (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2020". The WJP Rule of Law Index' is an evaluation of adherence to the rule of law; measuring countries' performance across different metrics like constraints on government powers, absence of corruption, open government, fundamental rights, order and security, regulatory enforcement, civil justice, and criminal justice.

Rule of law: Rwanda tops region | The New Times



## Ramadan Kareem from Rwanda Mission in the UAE

Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic Calendar, is when cities shine a spotlight on community and culture. Ramadan is an important time for Muslims across the world, as it celebrates the ninth month in which the Qur'an was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). In the UAE, this is no different, and the Holy Month is remembered through prayers, fasting and togetherness, as well as a series of community-focused events.

The specific dates of Ramadan change every year as it is based on the cycles of the moon. However, if you're lucky enough to be in UAE during this special time, you will get to experience a whole other side to the country. To better understand the rituals of Ramadan, here's what a typical day during the Holy Month involves.

**Everything you need to know about Ramadan in UAE**