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COMMUNIQUE OF LIGUE ITEKA ON THE DEATH OF HIS EXCELLENCE PIERRE NKURUNZIZA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI

On June 9, 2020, Ligue Iteka learned of the unexpected death of His Excellency Pierre Nkurunziza, President of the Republic of Burundi, through a press release from the Government of Burundi.

Following this press release, Ligue Iteka offers its sincere condolences to the Burundian people, the family of the late President and his political party.

Taking into account the information available to Ligue Iteka on the gravity of the COVID-19 pandemic in Burundi, questioning the cause of the President's death mentioned by the Burundian Government and the transfer of his wife to the Aga hospital Khan of Nairobi, Ligue Iteka reiterates [its alert](#) on the imminent explosion of COVID-19 in Burundi and which could have consequences in the sub-region.

Ligue Iteka recommends that the Burundian government take urgent measures to protect the population against COVID-19 and that Burundi partners, particularly the World Health Organization, provide appropriate support during these hard times.

Done in Kampala, June 10, 2020

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