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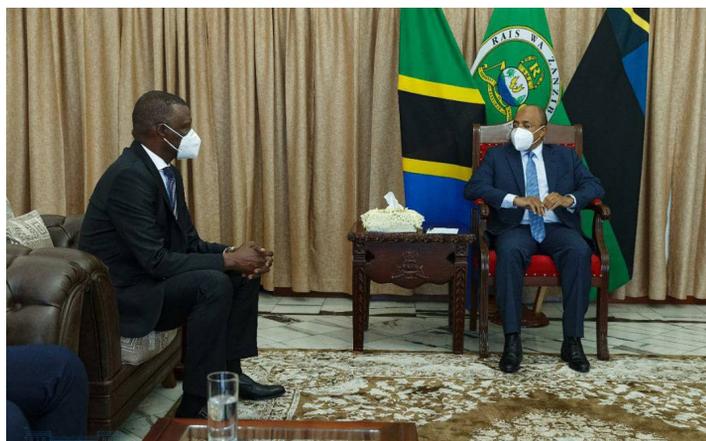
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Tanzania's President visits Rwanda for a two-day state visit

Tanzania's President, H.E Samia Suluhu Hassan on August 2, 2021 arrived in Rwanda for a two-day State visit aimed at strengthening ties between the two neighboring countries.

Rwanda's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Dr. Vincent Biruta received the President at Kigali International Airport.

On the first day of her visit, President Samia Suluhu Hassan was received by her host, President Paul Kagame at Urugwiro Village, for a tête-à-tête followed by bilateral talks after which the two Heads of State witnessed the signing of bilateral agreements in four key areas of Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Immigration, Education and Medical Products Regulation.

The bilateral discussions between the two Principals also touched on shared key infrastructures and investments such as Standard Gauge Railway (SGR), Roads and Ports Development.

While addressing Journalists shortly after the signing of the Agreements in Kigali, President Samia Suluhu Hassan revealed that their discussions mainly centered on boosting the countries' economies and other political issues in East African Community (EAC) and beyond.

"We have agreed to strengthen the cooperation in trade and investment.

There are still many opportunities to grow in business and trade within our countries," affirmed President Samia.



Tanzania's President H.E Samia Suluhu Hassan with her host President of Rwanda H.E Paul Kagame

On his part, President Kagame said that Rwanda and Tanzania share more than just a border, noting that their strong historical ties and common aspiration to deliver prosperity to their people has always been a center of their cooperation.

"With the signing of these agreements, we are committed to ensuring tangible results and renewed momentum to our bilateral relations.

This also gives new impetus to key infrastructures and investments projects of mutual benefits, particularly the SGR line and improved port logistics," stated President Kagame. President Samia Suluhu Hassan also visited the Kigali Genocide Memorial Site

to pay homage to the victims of the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi; and later in the evening attended a State Banquet organized in her honor by President Paul Kagame at Rwanda's Kigali State House.

Before concluding her visit to Rwanda, President Samia alongside her host, President Kagame visited different factories at the Kigali Special Economic Zone including Mara phones, Volkswagen Rwanda and Inyange Beverages.

The respective Cabinet Members and Senior Government Officials flanked both Leaders, as the two countries sought to make the most of warm existing ties.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan in a discussion with her host, President Paul Kagame at Urugwiro Village



This was sad and pity story.
I wish it was a story, just to find out
it was a reality. African leaders should
realise the division of Committee is not
a way to go.
God bless them all & allow them
to rest in peace. Ameen.
Ambassador:
United Republic of Tanzania
02/08/2021

President Samia Suluhu Hassan visited the Kigali Genocide Memorial to pay respects to the victims of the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi and also signed in the memorial guest book after her visit.

Photo Gallery: Tanzania's President Samia Suluhu Hassan visits Rwanda



President Samia Suluhu Hassan greeting the Rwanda High Commissioner to Tanzania Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba shortly after she arrived in Rwanda



President of Tanzania H.E Samia Suluhu Hassan arrived in Rwanda and was received at the Kigali International Airport by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Hon. Dr. Vincent Biruta.



Photo Gallery: Tanzania's President Samia Suluhu Hassan visits Rwanda



President of Tanzania H.E Samia Suluhu Hassan was received by her host, President of Rwanda H.E Paul Kagame at Urugwiro Village, for a tête-à-tête followed by bilateral talks.



President of Tanzania H.E Samia Suluhu Hassan inspecting an honour guard at the Urugwiro Village.

Photo Gallery: Tanzania's President Samia Suluhu Hassan visits Rwanda



President Paul Kagame and President Samia Suluhu Hassan also visited Mara Phones factory at the Kigali Special Economic Zone.

Workers at the Mara Phones factory at the Kigali Special Economic Zone, the factory manufactures 3 different smartphone models



President Samia Suluhu Hassan attended a state banquet organized for her by President Paul Kagame at Rwanda's Kigali State House.



Photo Gallery: Tanzania's President Samia Suluhu Hassan visits Rwanda



President Paul Kagame and President Samia Suluhu Hassan visited Volkswagen - CFAO Motors Rwanda factory at the Kigali Special Economic Zone. The Factory currently assembles 6 different models at their facility.



President Paul Kagame bids farewell to President Samia Suluhu Hassan at the Kigali International Airport after she concluded her two-day State Visit in Rwanda.

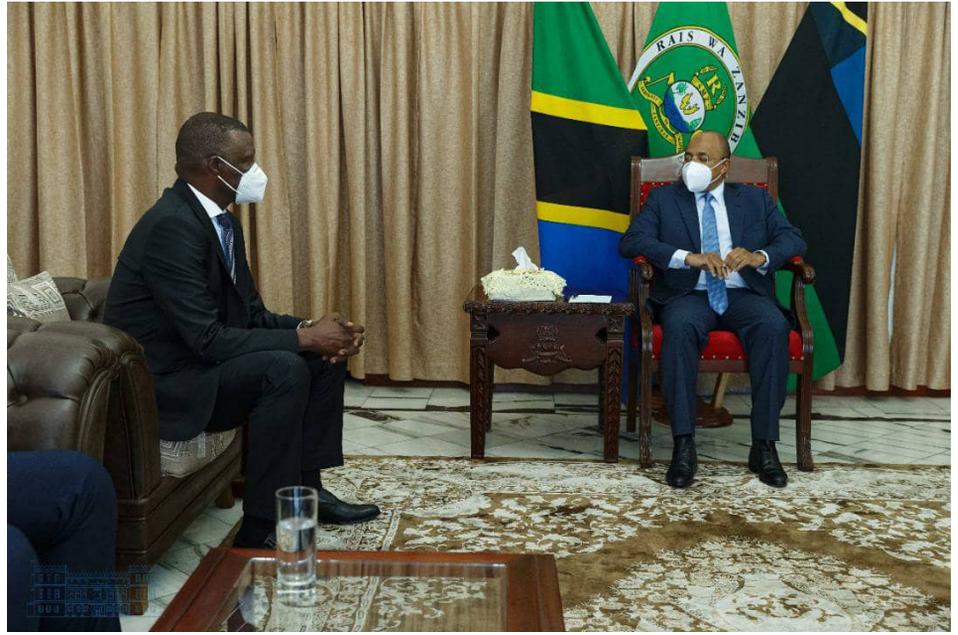
Rwanda High Commissioner pays a Courtesy call to the President of Zanzibar

On August 25th 2021, Rwanda's High Commissioner to the United Republic of Tanzania, Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba paid a courtesy call on H.E Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi, President of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar at the Isle's State House in Zanzibar and the two parties discussed several issues of mutual cooperation between Rwanda and Zanzibar including Trade, Investment, Tourism and Aviation sector.

The visit was part of the continued effort to enhance good bilateral relations between Rwanda and Tanzania, by engaging both Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar leadership.

Emphatically, both leaders discussed on the joint marketing of Rwanda-Zanzibar Tourism destinations and under-way plans to establish RwandAir routes from Kigali to Zanzibar in mid-2022 to boost tourism.

The High Commissioner also presented a Partnership proposal between Rwanda Development Board (RDB) and Zanzibar Investment Promotion Agency (ZIPA) which aims at enhancing cooperation in investment and having a joint trade centre for Rwanda and Zanzibar



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TPDF Chief of Defence Forces visits Rwanda

The Chief of Defence Forces of Tanzania People's Defence Forces (TPDF), General Venance Mabeyo had an official visit to Rwanda from 23rd to 26th August 2021 during which he paid a courtesy call on Rwanda's Minister of Defence, Maj. Gen. Albert Murasira and thereafter held bilateral discussions with his counterpart, Gen. Jean Bosco Kazura at the Rwanda Defence Forces (RDF) Headquarters, Kimihurura.

While addressing the media, Gen. Mabeyo said that his visit aimed at strengthening cooperation between TPDF and RDF and that it was a reciprocal visit to the recent visit by the RDF CDS Gen. Jean Bosco Kazura to Tanzania.

He also stressed that such visits are a sign of the level of confidence and mutual trust between militaries of the respective countries.

During his stay in Rwanda, the TPDF Chief of Defence Forces and his delegation visited different remarkable establishments such as the RDF Command and Staff College and Kinigi IDP Model Village in Musanze District, the Campaign Against Genocide Museum and also paid respect to the victims of the 1994 Genocide against Tutsi at the Gisozi Genocide Memorial Site.

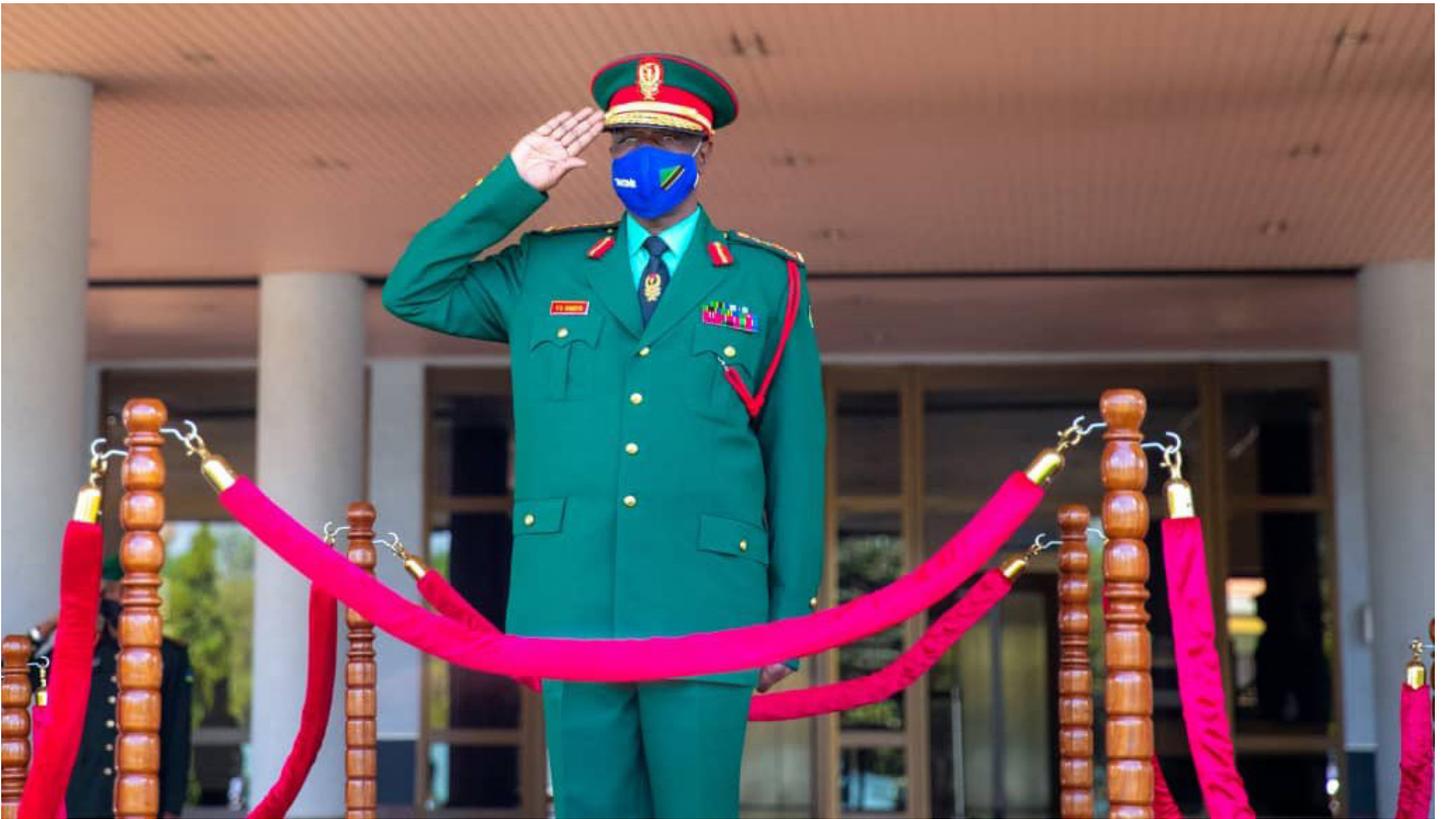


The Chief of Defence Forces of Tanzania People's Defence Forces (TPDF), General Venance Mabeyo inspecting an honour guard



The Chief of Defense Forces of Tanzania People's Defense Forces (TPDF), in a meeting with the Rwanda's Chief of Defense Staffs Gen. Jean Bosco Kazura and the Minister of Defense, Maj. Gen. Albert Murasira

Photo Gallery: TPDF Chief of Defence Forces Visits Rwanda



The Tanzania People's Defence Forces (TPDF), Chief of Defence Forces General Venance Mabeyo



Rwanda condoles the passing of Tanzania's Minister of Defense



The Rwanda High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba signed the Condolences book and conveyed a condolence message from the Government of the Republic of Rwanda to the Government and People of the United Republic of Tanzania in August 5th 2021.



During his lifetime, the late Dr. Elias Kwandikwa had closely worked with the Rwanda High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba as on July 9, 2021, the two leaders met and had great and productive interaction on shared values of peace and stability as well as other matters of mutual interest of Tanzania and Rwanda

Following the untimely demise of Hon. John Elias Kwandikwa, Tanzania's Minister of Defense and National Service and MP for Ushetu Constituency in Shinyanga Region, the High Commissioner of Rwanda to Tanzania, Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba on Thursday 5th August 2021, visited the late's home situated in the Coast Region's Kibaha District, to comfort the family and also signed a Condolences Book.

The High Commission farther conveyed a condolence message from the Government of the Republic of Rwanda to the Government and People of the United Republic of Tanzania, which read:

"It is with deep sadness that the Government of the Republic of Rwanda learned of the passing of Honorable Elias Kwandikwa (MP), the Minister of Defense and National Service of the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Government of Rwanda extends its heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the family of the late Honorable Elias Kwandikwa as well as to the Government and people of the United Republic of Tanzania during this moment of grief.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during these difficult times."

Hon. Kwandikwa (55) died on Monday August 2, while undergoing treatment in Dar es Salaam but had closely worked together with the High Commissioner in the past few weeks prior to his passing.

Rwanda's High Commissioner visits the East African Business Council Secretariat

On August 19th, 2021, the Rwanda High Commissioner Major General Charles Karamba paid a courtesy call on Mr. John Bosco Kalisa, the new Executive Director of the East African Business Council (EABC) in Arusha Tanzania and the two exchanged on business and Investment opportunities in the EAC region, trade facilitation dynamics and what is required to address challenges encountered by Rwandan business community.

The EABC team presented their business priorities and programs to the Rwandan High Commissioner such as White heavy check mark Open skies, White heavy check mark Hotline at the border to report NTBs, White heavy check mark Trade facilitation at the borders and ports, White heavy check mark African Continental Free Trade Area, White heavy check mark Economic recovery and stimulus package for businesses, among others.

The High Commissioner commended the East African Business Council for being an ambitious institution set to unlock trade barriers in the East African Community region, and noted that the current challenges to trade have been compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic, hence the need for improved partnership with the private sector to build back better our economies.

On his part, Mr. John Bosco Kalisa alluded to inadequate infrastructure and Non-Tariff Barriers as the main challenges hindering the growth of intra-



The Rwanda High Commissioner Major General Charles Karamba with Mr. John Bosco Kalisa the Executive Director of the East African Business Council



EAC trade and pointed out the need for embracing bilateral engagements as a tool for resolving intra-EAC trade constraints.

“Rwanda High Commissioner’s visit to EABC, signals his Government’s deep commitment to steer economic diplomacy

in partnership with the East Africa private sector to improve the business environment and competitiveness of the EAC bloc”, added Mr. Kalisa who assumed EABC leadership from Dr. Peter Mathuki, the current EAC Secretary General.

Photo Gallery: Rwandan High Commissioner visit to the East African Business Council (EABC) Secretariat in Arusha



The Rwanda High Commissioner Major General Charles Karamba with the Executive Director of the East African Business Council Mr. John Bosco Kalisa in Arusha Tanzania after the fruitful discussion on various matters.

Rwanda High Commissioner meets the EAC Secretary General Dr. Peter Mathuki



On August 19th 2021 the High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba along with Counselor Eng. John Kizito, visited the Secretary General of the East African Community Hon. Dr. Peter Mutuku Mathuki in Arusha Tanzania and exchanged views on several topics about the East African Community integration process and work relations.

Ministerial Session of the Joint Sectoral Council in Arusha, Tanzania



On August 20th 2021 the Rwanda High Commissioner Maj. Gen. Charles Karamba and the Counselor Eng. John Kizito represented the Government of Rwanda at the 10th Ministerial Session of the Joint Sectoral Council on Cooperation in Defence, Interstate Security and Foreign Policy Coordination in Arusha Tanzania

RwandAir and Qatar Airways join forces to give customers greater choice over combined networks

RwandAir customers will be able to explore even more of the world following its new partnership with Qatar Airways via their hubs at Kigali and Doha.

As part of the strategic partnership, the extensive interline agreement will give customers access to the networks of both airlines, providing a seamless travel experience and enhanced customer service the frequent flyers programmes.

Customers can pick and choose from over 160 destinations in the combined networks of both airlines, which are perfectly connected via their home main hubs.

This latest cooperation comes hot on the heels of the airlines' recent loyalty partnerships announcement, giving RwandAir Dream Miles and Qatar Airways Privilege Club loyalty members access to each other's destinations with the opportunity to 'earn and burn' points across their reciprocal route networks.

Yvonne Makolo, RwandAir CEO, said: "We're really excited to be opening up more of the world to our customers through the new interline agreement with Qatar Airways."

"Delivering excellent customer experience is key for us and we know that any traveler flying with Qatar Airways or RwandAir, as part of the agreement, will continue to receive the same unrivalled level of service they're used to from both airlines."



His Excellency Mr. Akbar Al-Baker, Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, said: "This partnership cements our commitment to giving travellers the widest choice of destinations, while providing a seamless, high quality travel experience, which is the goal of both Qatar Airways and RwandAir."

"Africa is a hugely important market for us and this latest partnership will help support the recovery of international air travel and offer unrivalled connectivity to and from a number of new African destinations."

RwandAir operates services throughout Africa and to long-haul destinations including London Heathrow, from its Kigali based hub. It was also the first African airline to be awarded the top Diamond status rating for COVID-prevention measures - the

highest attainable level from APEX Health Safety, powered by SimpliFlying. The airline's customers will also be able to connect through Hamad International Airport (HIA) in Doha, the first airport in the Middle East and Asia to be awarded a Skytrax 5-Star COVID-19 Airport Safety Rating, to access Qatar Airways' destinations on every continent, from Paris to Washington, Delhi to Hong Kong and many more.

With more frequencies being added to key hubs, Qatar Airways offers unrivalled connectivity to passengers, making it easy for them to change their travel dates or destination if required.

Qatar Airways serves Kigali from Doha five times per week via Entebbe, utilizing its sustainable and fuel efficient Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft. The airline's customers can transit via Kigali to a diverse



range of African destinations including Bujumbura, Brazzaville and Libreville. Qatar Airways was recently named Airline of the Year 2021 by Airline Ratings, also clinching Best Middle East Airline, Best Catering, and Best Business Class awards and became the first global airline in the world to achieve the prestigious 5-Star COVID-19 Airline Safety Rating by international air transport rating organization, Skytrax.

For full details of all the safety measures that have been implemented onboard and in HIA, please visit qatarairways.com/safety.

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About RwandAir

Operating from Kigali, RwandAir is one of the world's fastest growing airlines and operates one of the youngest state-of-the-art fleets on the African continent.

With a reputation for delivering a premium service to all its customers, RwandAir operates 12 aircraft with an average age of just under six years.

The airline currently offers services to 25 destinations across 21 countries throughout Africa, Europe, the Middle East and Asia.



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