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1. Yesterday the Vice-President and Minister of Defense, Major General Paul Kagame, officiated a burial ceremony in Mayunzwe Sector, Tambwe Commune, Gitarama Préfecture. He was accompanied by the Minister of Internal Affairs and Communal Development, Mr Seth Sendashonga, the Minister of Social Affairs, Mr Pie Mugabo, the Minister of Information, Mr Jean-Baptiste Nkuriyingoma, the Minister of Primary and Secondary Education, Mr Pierre -Célestin Rwigema, the Director of ELECTROGAZ, Mr Romalis Munyaneza, Deputy Tite Rutaremara, and Deputy Protais Mithali. The Préfet of Gitarama, Mr Désiré Nyandwi, also attended the ceremony. The ceremony opened with a Catholic Church mass in remembrance of the souls of the victims of the genocide. In his speech, Major General Paul Kagame, appealed for all Rwandans to work for unity and peace. He however blamed the criminals who killed about 1 Million Rwandans and some people from the international community who played a great role in the massacres. He regretted that those he was addressing were not the right persons to hear his speech. He strongly rebuked those intellectuals who preach reconciliation and dialogue blindly. He said that they do not understand the real meaning of reconciliation. He also blamed former colonizers of Rwanda who just left Rwanda in fire. Today those colonizers want the killers to be forgiven and put pressure on the new government, so that it can get financial from money donors. He asked why those foreigners do not pity former refugees who spent more than 30 years in exile. Those foreigners should not give moral lessons, because they are responsible for what happened in Rwanda. Major General Kagame said that this a blackmail. All the criminals must be punished according to the law. But all refugees have right to return to his country, he added. He insisted that if the killers persist to invade Rwanda and continue the genocide, all Rwandans will fight them and defeat them seriously.

2. Major Rose Kabuye, the Préfet of Kigali Town, continues her visits to the Sectors. Yesterday she was in Nyakabanda sector, Nyarugenge Commune. She insisted on the importance of unity and reconciliation, key elements for the country development and reconstruction. Residents of Nyakabanda said that banditry and insecurity are caused by irresponsible authorities. They accused their Sector Advisor, Mr Emmanuel Kandekwe, of hiring Interahamwe's houses and sending the money to Zaire to support the killers. They also accused him of changing Cell leaders to serve his own interests and appoints those he likes. Major Rose Kabuye warned them that they should elect competent and honest leaders.

3. Today the Minister of Primary and Secondary Education, Mr Pierre-Célestin Rwigema and the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation held a meeting with Diplomats and NGOs operating in Rwanda. The meeting aimed at appealing for friend countries to assist Rwanda urgently to reopen the secondary school. Mr Rwigema presented urgent needs of the Secondary Education, in what he called "SOS Education".