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Rwandan President Kagame fires army generals, more than 200 soldiers with immediate effect

Президент Руанди Кагаме звільнив армійських генералів та, понад 200 солдатів з негайним набранням чинності

Президент Руанди Поль Кагаме оголосив про радикальні зміни в Силах оборони Руанди і призначив нового міністра та голову армії. Він негайно звільнив двох генералів, 14 офіцерів та понад 200 солдатів. Він також призначив 58-річного Жювеналя Марізамунду 11-м міністром оборони країни з моменту здобуття незалежності 1962 року.

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Rwanda President Paul Kagame announced sweeping changes to the country's defence forces. He fired two generals, 14 commissioned officers and more than 200 soldiers with immediate effect. He also appointed 58-year-old Juvenal Marizamunda to become the country's 11th defence minister since independence in 1962.

President Paul Kagame has made sweeping changes at the Rwanda Defence Force (RDF) and appointed a new minister and head of the army.

At the top of the list of changes was the firing of two senior commanders and more than 200 soldiers with immediate effect.

He dismissed RDF Major-General Aloys Muganga, Brigadier-General Francis Mutiganda, as well as 14 commissioned officers.

"He (Kagame) has also authorised the dismissal of 116 other ranks and approved the rescission of service contracts of 122 other ranks," said the statement from his office.

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Muganga was appointed in 2018 to the position of Reserve Force Chief of Staff (RFCOS) taking over from General Fred Ibingira who retired.

The same year, Mutiganda was redeployed from the Director-General, External Security at the National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS), back to RDF Headquarters.

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The changes by Kagame came a day after he also appointed 58-year-old Juvenal Marizamunda as the country's 11th defence minister since independence in 1962.

The head of the RDF is now Lieutenant-General Mubarak Muganga (no relation to Major-General Aloys Muganga), who takes over from General Jean Bosco Kazura.

The RDF is made up of three arms, with the reserve force made up of part-time military personnel who may be recalled whenever necessary to operate alongside the army and the air force.