

Melchior Ndadaye

president of Burundi

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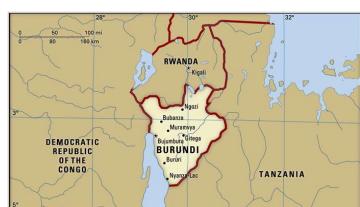
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After Melchior Ndadaye, a member of the Hutu ethnic majority, was elected president in June 1993, he appointed Kinigi, a member of the Tutsi minority, as prime minister. She was the first woman to hold the position. The president was killed in a coup in October...

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...in June 1993, in which Melchior Ndadaye, a Hutu who ran against Buyoya, was elected president. Ndadaye announced amnesty for many political prisoners and created a carefully balanced government of Hutu and Tutsi, including Sylvie Kinigi, a Tutsi woman, as prime minister.

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Bujumbura, city, western [Burundi](#). Bujumbura is the nation's capital and largest urban centre. The city's industry specializes in textiles, leather, paper, chemicals, and agricultural products. Bujumbura also serves as the country's main port on Lake Tanganyika; most of Burundi's [foreign trade](#) is shipped between the capital and Kigoma, [Tanzania](#), and, less frequently, to Kalemi, Congo (Kinshasa). The surrounding region yields bananas, cassava

(manioc), beans, corn (maize), wheat, and cotton. There is an international airport.

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are two of the city's most important cultural institutions. The city was the epicentre of an ethnically inspired civil war in the 1990s and early 21st century. Pop. (2004 est.) 374,152.



Bujumbura

Bujumbura, Burundi.

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...only slightly higher—for example, at **Bujumbura** in the Imbo valley. Annual precipitation, which averages 60 to 70 inches (1,500 to 1,800 mm) in the highest-lying areas, is only about 40 inches (1,000 mm) on the shores of Lake Tanganyika. There is a short dry season from...



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Burundi

Burundi, country in east-central Africa, south of the Equator. The landlocked country, a historic kingdom, is one of the few countries in Africa whose borders were not determined by colonial rulers. The vast majority of Burundi's population is Hutu, traditionally a farming...

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