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WHY ARE PEOPLE IN ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN ON ONE HAND AND ON ANOTHER HAND, THEY PURSUE DEMONSTRATIONS?

1. In these days, we are witnessing people in demonstration that turned into insurrectional movement followed by atrocious killings such as live burning of people, shooting people dead, destroying citizens' properties and public infrastructures including destroying and burning houses, destroying roads and bridges, the use of children in protests while they know that it is prohibited by the country's laws and international conventions, preventing people from going to jobs, and children forced to abandon school to the extent of destroying their national examination papers, and so on and so forth. The question raised here is, "What would people involved in such crimes bring to the country, while they are against all laws set by the elected leadership. Who would accept the leadership they want to install by force?"

The **CNDD-FDD** party recognises before all the initiative of the international community and various African regional organisations in supporting Burundi to come back to the reconciliation way in order to restore peace and security for a safe elections environment.

The **CNDD-FDD** party condemns again crimes perpetrated to Burundians; in Burundi and by Burundians, possibly supported by foreigners because of unknown interests that they have in the country. The **CNDD-FDD** party takes this opportunity to request the Burundian Justice to work immediately so that the authors of the crimes can be identified and judged.

The **CNDD-FDD** party criticises the language used by the organisers of the protests who consider that the elected institutions do not exist anymore, and communicate every time that their insurrection will absolutely overthrow the current President of the Republic.

If they recognise the Constitution and the Arusha Peace Agreement as they use to say; if they recognise the Electoral Code and the Constitutional Court; and it was obvious that the Constitutional Court based its decision on the laws that guide it and on other country's laws; and it was even proved that the Vice-President of the Court who fled was advised to do so by the same organisers of the protests; why do they continue their insurrection on one hand while on the other hand, they pursue the electoral campaign? Here we mention the *Amizero y'Abarundi Coalition* run by Agathon Rwaswa and Charles Nditije, the Sahwanya FRODEBU-Nyakuri party run by Dr. Jean Minani, MSD run by Alexis Sinduhije, just to mention a few. All those politicians are campaigning and evidences are available.

The **CNDD-FDD** party warns facilitators not to fall into the trap of those politicians with changing standpoints, because they have no reason to continue the protests while they are campaigning for the elections. None would understand why they want to play on two grounds: an insurrectional and a legal one; this shows that there is something wrong in their minds.

The **CNDD-FDD** party regrets the behaviour of those politicians and the so-called civil society organisations that collaborate with them, who are using the jobless youth commonly known as

“amarigara” and “mayibobo” to whom they give drugs to the point that some of them are already being attended in the Neuropsychological Hospital of Kamenge known as “Chez Legentil”. They sent them to the street so that they commit crimes, but the question today is, “How will they withdraw them from the insurrection while some of the protesters, through media, openly say that they no longer obey the orders from the organisers?” Don’t we think that is the reason why the organisers of the protests are failing to stop them?

In 1994 and 1995, it started the same way; politicians sent the youth to street, calling themselves “Sans échecs”; after a short time, they became “Sans esprit”, and afterward they turned into “Sans défaite”. Among other crimes, they sexually violated their sisters and mothers, killing people who tried to advise them. The Government was obliged to take very tough measures to put an end to the insurrection. Do the organisers of the current uprising remember the past? Do they know that the consequences of this situation will turn against them? As evidence, the **CNDD-FDD** party realises that the organisers of the unrest refuse to assume the horrible crimes being perpetrated by protesters.

The **CNDD-FDD** party concludes by requesting the national and international community to put pressure on the organisers of the protests to stop them before the situation gets worse, to get into the peace and election process, and the Government should take all necessary actions to stop those killings and other crimes, in order to allow the population to live in peace and security, and be able to prepare themselves for secure, inclusive, and transparent elections.

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