

**END OF YEAR MESSAGE FROM H.E. THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC AND  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF RWANDA DEFENCE FORCE TO THE SECURITY  
ORGANS**

On behalf of the Government, People of Rwanda, and on my own behalf, I wish the officers and other ranks of the RDF, as well as all members of other Security Organs and your families, a Happy Holiday Season and a Productive New Year.

I also wish to convey to you my appreciation for your dedication and commitment in fulfilling your various missions of defending and protecting the People of Rwanda in the year 2021, a period which was characterized by a wide range of challenges at home and abroad.

Despite those challenges, which include the Covid-19 pandemic, you continue to meet and even exceed the expectations with unwavering diligence, selflessness and professionalism. Our nation is proud of you.

I take this opportunity to express specific appreciation to those serving abroad, both through bilateral arrangements or in peacekeeping missions. Being far from your loved ones, especially during the festive season, is a special way of expressing your commitment to sacrifice for peace and stability on our continent and beyond. The whole nation is grateful for your service.

As we begin a new year, I urge you to strive to preserve the values we stand for and to uphold the resolute spirit that defines us as Rwandans and as a people.

I want you to renew your pledge to the Rwandan flag, and to continue to work diligently to fully deserve the trust placed in you by our people and by our allies.

Once again, a very happy New Year 2022 to you and your families.