



PRESS RELEASE

MONITORING COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

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The Rwanda Governance Board (RGB), in collaboration with other relevant government agencies, is conducting an inspection to ensure compliance with laws and regulations governing faith-based organizations.

The inspection focuses on verifying that denominations and prayer houses have registration documents issued by RGB, letters of collaboration with the district when a branch is opened, and that prayer houses meet legal requirements (building codes) for their location. It also checks if the leaders hold the required academic degrees and certificates in Theology at both the organizational and parish/branch levels.

Where this inspection finds that certain FBOs are not complying with the legal requirements and regulations governing faith-based organizations, they will be closed.

Relevant authorities will continue to collaborate with religious leaders to promote transformational development while adhering to the laws and regulations governing faith-based organizations and ensuring that prayer houses/buildings meet legal standards.

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