



Weekly Report

Burundi

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Trouble Ahead

- In the wake of the life sentences handed down last week and the ongoing suspension of the Movement for Solidarity and Democracy party, political tensions continue to escalate in Burundi.
- Unlike neighbouring Rwanda, post-conflict Burundi chose to recognize ethnic tensions overtly. The current political system is based on a model that incorporates quotas designed to protect the Tusti minority.
- The ruling party's recent efforts to amend the constitution and the heightened presence of the party's militant youth wing are becoming significant cause for concern ahead of next year elections.
- Source: The Economist

<http://www.economist.com/news/middle-east-and-africa/21599765-country-going-downhill-and-its-neighbours-could-be-affected-too-trouble>

“If people don't pay attention, Burundi could slide back into war.”
