

# Rwanda National Day Special

## People driven by promise for better future

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Each year on July 4, Rwanda commemorates Kwibohora, which means liberation in Kinyarwanda, our national language. This is a day of profound significance in our history as it marks

the end of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi and the beginning of a new chapter founded on unity, reconciliation and national renewal.

This year, Rwanda celebrates the 32nd anniversary of its liberation. It is a moment not only to remember the past, but also to reflect on the remarkable transformation the country has achieved over the past three decades. Rwanda's story is one of resilience, determination and the belief that even the deepest wounds can be healed through collective effort and a shared vision for the future.

Known as the "Land of a Thousand Hills," Rwanda is renowned for its breathtaking landscapes, rich biodiversity and vibrant culture. From the mountain gorillas of Volcanoes National Park to the ancient rainforest of Nyungwe, the country offers visitors an extraordinary experience. Yet Rwanda's greatest achievement lies in the journey of its people.

When liberation was achieved in 1994, Rwanda faced the daunting task of rebuilding a nation devastated by genocide. Infrastructure had been destroyed, institutions had collapsed and social trust had been shattered. Over the years, however, Rwanda chose a path grounded in reconciliation, inclusion and national unity.

The results are visible across many sectors. Life expectancy has increased signifi-

cantly, access to healthcare has expanded and maternal and child mortality rates have declined dramatically. Nearly all Rwandans are covered by health insurance, while women play a leading role in public life, making Rwanda a global example of gender inclusion.

Economic progress has been equally remarkable. From a gross domestic product of less than \$1 billion in 1994, Rwanda's economy is projected to exceed \$17 billion in 2026. Investments in education, innovation, technology and infrastructure have created new opportunities and improved living standards for millions of citizens.

As Rwanda looks to the future, young people remain at the center of national development. The story of liberation itself carries an important lesson: Many of those who helped liberate the country in 1994

were young men and women driven by courage, purpose and a commitment to a better future. Their legacy continues to inspire a new generation.

2026 also marks more than six decades of diplomatic relations between Rwanda and Japan. Since establishing ties in 1962, our countries have built a partnership based on mutual respect, human development and shared global values. Through initiatives supported by the Japan International Cooperation Agency, educational exchanges and growing business cooperation, Japan has been an important partner in Rwanda's development journey.

As we commemorate Liberation Day, we honor those who sacrificed for Rwanda's future and reaffirm our commitment to building a peaceful, inclusive and prosper-

ous society. Rwanda's journey continues, guided by the conviction that resilience, visionary leadership and international cooperation can transform challenges into opportunities and create hope for future generations.

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