

Today, President Paul Kagame as the Commander-in-Chief of the Rwanda Defence Force (RDF), commissioned 624 new officers at the Rwanda Military Academy – Gako in this Monday in Bugesera District.

During his address, President Kagame expressed gratitude to the newly commissioned officers for choosing to serve their country in the RDF. He also appreciated their parents for nurturing and supporting their decision to join the Rwanda Defence Force.

“The profession you have chosen is not solely about combat or inciting conflicts, as some may perceive. Wars are waged with a justified cause. In Rwanda, we consider engaging in conflict when our freedom and sovereignty are threatened. Many who perished in our tragic history were not part of the military. I mention this to dispel any apprehensions about joining this professional career. It is a noble calling that safeguards you, your nation, and all Rwandans,” stated by President Kagame”.

Among the newly commissioned officer cadets, 522 completed a rigorous one-year program designed to equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge for various roles within the RDF. Additionally, 102 cadets pursued joint military training alongside bachelor’s degrees in fields such as social and military sciences, general medicine, mechanical and energy engineering, law, mathematics, physics, general nursing, and biology. Of the 624 new officers, 51 are female. Furthermore, 33 officers who graduated today underwent specialized training in partner countries.