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First COVID-19 death reported in Burundi

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BUJUMBURA, April 13 (Xinhua) -- One of the five COVID-19 patients already registered in Burundi has died, the Burundian health ministry spokesman said on Twitter on Monday.

"One person who had tested positive for COVID-19 and who was under intensive medical care at Kira Hospital died on Sunday, April 12, due to complications caused by associated pathologies," said Jean Bosco Girukwishaka on Twitter.

In a press conference on Saturday, held in Bujumbura, Burundian Health Minister Thaddee Ndikumana had announced that two new cases of the novel coronavirus had been tested positive on Friday, April 10.

During the press conference, he had said that one of the two patients was a man, aged 41 years, who was in "health critical condition" at Kira Hospital and who had been referred there from a health facility.

He indicated that the two new COVID-19 patients had been in contact with the first three ones who are being treated at

the Prince Louis Rwagasore hospital since late March.

All of them are residents in Bujumbura, Ndikumana said.

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