



Kagame appoints Rwanda's new Army Chief of Staff

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RWANDA: -

President Paul Kagame of Rwanda has named Lt. Gen. [now Maj. Gen.] Jean-Jacques Mupenzi as the new Army Chief of Staff to replace Lt Gen Jacques Musemakweli.

Among the peacekeeping missions that Mupenzi has been involved in is the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS).

According to Rwanda's 'The New Times', the officer he replaced - Musemakweli - has been redeployed to the Reserve Force as Chief of Staff.

Musemakweli's successor's appointment came on Tuesday, the publication's website reports.

Aside his appointment as the new Army Chief of Staff, it is understood that Mupenzi, previously the commander of the Mechanised Division, was also elevated in rank - from Lieutenant General to Major General.

In the Reserve Force, Musemakweli, according to The New Times, replaces Maj. Gen. Aloys Muganga, "who had been serving in acting capacity since November last year".

The army reshuffle, source from a defence ministry statement, has seen Muganga take up Mupenzi's previous position as Commander of the Mechanised Division.