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DOMESTIC NEWS

Illegal migrants repatriated under strict compliance with international treaties

ALGIERS - Minister of Interior, Local Authorities and National Planning Kamel Beldjoud announced Thursday the repatriation of many illegal migrants of various nationalities as part of a national strategy to combat illegal migration under strict compliance with international treaties.

In response to a question during a plenary session at the People's National Assembly (Lower House), the minister announced "the repatriation of several illegal migrants of different nationalities, the majority from Niger, with which Algeria sealed a convention on the repatriation of illegal migrants."

"Our country is facing the scourge of illegal migration from 44 African states, hence the adoption by the Government of a national strategy for the fight against this scourge under strict compliance with the international conventions and treaties signed by Algeria, particularly with regard to respect for human rights and the dignity of migrants."

In this regard, the minister blamed the abundant influx of illegal migrants to several regions of the country in recent times to "the emergence of several frightening indicators in the Sahel region, including the persistence of crises and conflicts."

"The Government has set up an inter-ministerial committee under the supervision of the Ministry of Interior, responsible for monitoring illegal migration by allocating significant funds for the promotion of border regions in the south," he stated.

Covid-19: "Algeria has won battle, vigilance always required"

ORAN - Minister of Health, Population and Hospital Reform Abderrahmane Benbouzid stressed Thursday in Oran that "Algeria has won the battle" against Covid19, "but vigilance is still required to avoid a second wave."

Speaking at a press briefing on the sidelines of a working visit to the province of Oran, Benbouzid said that the situation of the Covid 19 in Algeria "is stable" and urged the population "to remain aware and continue to apply the barrier gestures so as to avoid a second wave."

On this occasion, Benbouzid welcomed the efforts made by medical teams throughout the months of the pandemic to contain the virus and save the sick, recalling State's measures to support health practitioners.

Besides, the Minister of Health stressed the importance of strengthening the role of local polyclinics in the management of emergencies that are not serious.

"The medical-surgical emergencies of university hospital centers are often overcrowded with emergencies that can very easily be dealt with at polyclinics which must be equipped with necessary means so that they can play their role and take care of patients," affirmed Benbouzid.

ECONOMIC NEWS

Significant budgets to be earmarked to grey areas in 2021

CHLEF - The Advisor to the President of the Republic in charge of grey areas Ibrahim Merad announced Thursday from Chlef the earmarking of significant budgets under the 2021 Finance Act to grey areas.

In a statement to the press on the sidelines a visit to grey areas in Chlef, Merad announced that "significant financial budgets will be allotted to grey areas under the 2021 Finance Act."

"The guarantee of financial resources and the careful identification of the priorities and needs of the grey areas will help to address all the raised concerns particularly with regard to projects for connection to the electricity and gas networks in addition to the supply of drinking water, sanitation networks and the improvement of the education and health sectors," he said.

In this regard, the same official said that the President of the Republic gave a major interest in this programme aimed at eradicating grey areas by improving the living conditions of citizens throughout the national territory.

The Adviser to the President of the Republic has instructed local officials and concerned services to find real solutions and thus materialize the majority of development projects and operations in the shortest possible time.

Merad visited remote areas in five communes namely: El-Hnichet (commune of Sobha), Soualhia (Taougrite), Nouasria (Dahra), Bousedjel (El Marsa) and Chéaala (Sidi Akkacha).

In addition, the Advisor to the President and the Governor of Chlef Lakhdar Seddas listened to the concerns of the inhabitants of these areas and neighboring regions who blocked the way to the official convoy to express their dissatisfaction while raising a series of demands that the governor promised to address.

It should be recalled that the province of Chlef has 353 grey areas where several projects of connection to roads and various networks (VRD) have been launched, in addition to the opening of several winding rural paths to open up these regions.

Startup Fund to be officially launched on Saturday

ALGIERS - The Fund for financing startups will be officially launched on Saturday during the national Conference of startups "Algeria Disrupt 2020," to be held at the International Center of Conferences (CIC) in Algiers, announced Friday Minister delegate to the Prime minister in charge of Knowledge Economy and Startups Oualid El Mahdi Yacine.

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This new financing mechanism, named “Algerian Startup Fund,” underlined the minister in an interview with APS, “is based on the investment in the capital and not on the classical financing mechanisms based on the credit.”

For the minister, the objective is to create pioneering startups able to market their products worldwide, by enabling innovative young people to benefit from the same financing mechanisms as in developed countries and to execute their innovative projects in Algeria.

While broaching the obstacles met by these young people, in addition to financing, the minister underlined the lack of incubators, accelerators and other structures supporting projects.

Nearly all available incubators are in the capital while other regions have only few ones. Therefore, he added, his department decided to create at least one incubator in every province, pointing out that a “project accelerator network” aimed at supporting innovation in Algeria will be launched during the conference.

This first edition of Algeria Disrupt 2020, placed under the patronage of President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune, will be the opportunity to announce the measures that have been implemented by the government to back the ecosystem of young people, notably the official launch of the startup investment fund, as well as the new regulatory framework devoted to these companies.

FOREIGN POLICY NEWS

President Ghali does not rule out reiteration of Gdeim Izik scenario in Guerguerat

SHAHEED EL HAFEDH (Sahrawi Refugee Camps) - President of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR), Secretary General of the Polisario Front Brahim Ghali said Thursday evening that he did not rule out a reiteration of Gdeim Izik's scenario in Guerguerat, warning that "any attack on any Sahrawi citizen would mean a return to war."

In an interview with the Algerian Public Television on the occasion of the 45th anniversary of the Sahrawi National Unity Day, President Ghali said "he expects a reiteration of the Gdeim Izik scenario in Guerguerat. He underlined "the unanimity of the Saharwi people as to the imperative closure of this passage."

Warning that "any attack on any Sahrawi citizen would mean a return to war", President Ghali said “we don't want to go back to square zero and we do not want bloodshed, but unfortunately, we admit that the world we live in is only moving in the face of the shedding of the blood of innocents and I am afraid that the Sahrawi people will be forced to do so.”

The SADR President reaffirmed that "more than ever before, the Sahrawi people remain attached to their unity and that no solution will only be accepted outside the self-determination and independence.”

"Younger generations are just as determined as the older ones. They are ready to fall in the field of honor to recover their rights,” stated Ghali.

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Mali: Transition authorities commit to speeding up implementation of Algiers Agreement

BAMA KO - The international mediation, led by Algeria, to restore peace in Mali, welcomed Thursday in Bamako the commitment of the new transition authorities to speeding up the implementation of the peace agreement, stemming from Algiers process, and reiterated its commitment to accompanying the Malians in the current phase which it hopes to be “calm” and “inclusive.”

Under the chairmanship of Algeria’s embassy in Bamako, “the international mediation met on Thursday to exchange on the development of the situation in Mali, notably the implementation of the Agreement for peace and reconciliation, stemming from Algiers process, in the light of recent developments in the country.”

The meeting, chaired by Algeria’s ambassador to Mali Boualem Chebihi, was marked by the participation of the head of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) Mohamed Saleh Annadif as well as of some ambassadors and representatives of international organizations, including the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

“The international mediation welcomed the renewed commitment of the transition authorities to speeding up the implementation of the peace Agreement” and “encourages the signatory parties to implement it in good faith,” said a communiqué published at the end of the meeting.

The mediation reiterated its “commitment to implementing the agreement” and to “accompanying Mali in the current transition that it hopes to be calm and inclusive,” added the source.

The mediation expressed “the need to hold a meeting of the agreement follow-up committee once the new transition government is formed.”

UN Summit on Biodiversity: International community called to implement CBD objectives

ALGIERS - Minister of Foreign Affairs Sabri Boukadoum called to work “in synergy and in a coordinated manner” to implement the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

In his speech before the participants of the United Nations Summit on Biodiversity, held on 30 June 2020, on the sidelines of the 75th UN General Assembly, Boukadoum, in his capacity as representative of President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune, reviewed “the efforts made by Algeria for the preservation of biodiversity in accordance with its national priorities.”

“Algeria’s geographical position and huge territory have made from it a country with many ecosystems in which there are about 16,000 animal and plant species protected thanks to the legal and regulatory frameworks in force at the national level,” he said.

Boukadoum shed light on the national and sectoral plans that enabled, he said, “achieving a set of objectives set at the international level, including the 11th Aichi target related to protected areas.”

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For the minister, this effort was carried out through a set of activities and projects implemented by several sectors, such as the Ministries of Environment, of Agriculture and Rural Development, of Fisheries and of Culture and Arts as part of cultural parks. “These activities helped determine nature reserves covering no less than 45% of the national territory,” he added.

Foreign Affairs minister welcomed “the consistency characterizing the main environmental causes, which leads the international community to work in synergy and in a coordinated manner to implement the CBD’s objectives, which requires, he stressed, from the developed countries, given their “historical responsibility,” to work to “ensure the technical and financial support likely to enable to their partners among the developing countries to achieve the objectives outlined by this Convention.”