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DOMESTIC NEWS

President Tebboune reassures Algerians his state of health improves

ALGIERS - President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune on Sunday spoke to Algerians from his place of convalescence in Germany to reassure them of his state of health, affirming that his convalescence period “could be extended from one to three weeks” so that he “regains strength.”

"Nearly two months ago, I was rushed abroad after my coronavirus infection. Today, thanks to Allah and thanks to our doctors at the Army Central Hospital (HCA) and German doctors, I am recovering. It could take another one to three weeks for me to regain my strength," said Tebboune in a video posted on his official Twitter account.

"Every day, I follow hour by hour everything that happens in Algeria and, when needed, I give instructions to the Presidency," said the Head of State. Being far from the country “does not mean forgetting it,” said the President.

The Head of State spoke of the political path mapped out for the country, which he had announced during the election campaign for the presidential election of December 2019, he reiterated his thanks to the Algerians for his election a year ago.

The President of the Republic said he had instructed the Presidency of the Republic to coordinate with the committee in charge of preparing the draft revision of the Organic Law on Elections “to finish it as soon as possible, i.e. in 10 to 15 days, in order to launch the post-constitution process.”

As for the Covid-19 pandemic, President Tebboune welcomed the decline in the number of contaminations "from 1,300 cases per day to about 520 cases", and thanked "all those who have contributed to this achievement.”

Regarding the economic situation, President Tebboune said that the allotted budget “shows that we are on the path we have mapped,” stressing that “no new taxes have been introduced for low-income citizens.”

Referring to the political situation in the region, the President of the Republic reaffirmed that "Algeria is strong, stronger than some people think and unshakeable.” “We expect” the recent developments, affirmed the Head of State.

Regarding the start of the school and academic years, President Tebboune instructed the Minister of Interior, Local Authorities and National Planning, as well as governors, to "implement to the letter the decisions taken for marginalized areas, including providing hot meals and improving school transportation," especially in the context of current weather conditions, marked by falling temperatures, snow and rainfall.

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The President of the Republic attached to the video a post on which he wrote "Allah be praised for this recovery following an ordeal. May Allah grant the sick the healing, the deceased His Holy Mercy and comfort their loved ones."

"Our return to the country is near to continue the building of New Algeria," he wrote.

Algeria "will always remain standing thanks to its great people, its valiant Army, worthy heir of the National Liberation Army (ALN) and State's institutions," wrote the Head of State. On 24 October, the medical staff of the presidency of the Republic advised President Abdelmadjid to stay five days in voluntary isolation, after many senior officials at the presidency of the Republic and the government had shown symptoms of Covid-19.

The Head of State was taken on 28 October to Germany for "thorough medical examination on recommendation of the medical staff. The day after, the Presidency of the Republic said that President Tebboune underwent thorough medical examination in a major German specialized hospital and was receiving the appropriate.

Academic year 2020-2021: Studies resume in exceptional circumstances due to Covid-19

ALGIERS - University students will join, as of Tuesday, university institutions in exceptional conditions marked by the spread of the new coronavirus, after the resumption of distance learning courses for the past two weeks.

On the occasion of the start of the academic year 2020-2021, Minister of Education and Scientific Research, Abdelbaki Benziane, has reported the "strict" application of a health protocol for the face-to-face teaching, and the adoption of group studies that will concern one third of students and only essential subjects. The face-to-face teaching will be provided for an average of 12 weeks per semester and the rest of the courses will be given online, said the minister.

The minister called on the academic community to contribute to the success of this new academic year, under which universities and institutes will exceptionally welcome 279,959 new students, who will also be concerned by the face-to-face and distance learning.

ECONOMIC NEWS

Need to involve SMEs, micro-enterprises in energy transition promotion

ALGIERS - The micro-enterprises and start-ups must have larger role in various renewable energy and energy efficiency development projects in Algeria, said Sunday in Algiers, Deputy Minister for Micro-Enterprises Nassim Diafat.

On the sidelines of a working meeting with Minister of Energy Transition and Renewable Energy Chems Eddine Chitour, Diafat called for imperatively involving young people, managers of SMEs and micro-enterprises in the development of renewable energy projects, by removing bureaucratic obstacles in particular.

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The challenge is to evaluate the capacity of the small companies in the light of their actual know-how and expertise, and -not university degrees-, to correctly conduct the renewable energy projects.

The meeting "intended to define how youth resources can contribute to developing this capital sector," by providing large added value in the phases of studies and execution, said the minister.

"There is also the matter of workloads. Many existing companies have not benefited from workload as other large local or foreign companies have captured the maximum of projects," said Diafat, calling for these micro-enterprises and SMEs to merge in groups or cooperatives.

Besides, Diafat referred to Algeria's potential increased through project managers who have direct impact on the national economy.

"We have also been able to create partnerships between micro-enterprises of ANSEJ with a public enterprise for the manufacturing of the prototypes of solar powered irrigation pivots," he said.

Financial assistance to public companies to be conditioned by good governance

ALGIERS - Minister of Finance Aymen Benabderrahmane said Sunday in Algiers that the State's financial support to the public companies will be conditioned by the modernization of their mode of management and the requirements for the access of these companies to state financial support will soon be established.

"The requirements will be elaborated by the public treasury, public banks and public industrial companies," Benabderrahmane told the press, on the sidelines of the official launch of the ministry's electronic portal.

"Conditioning aid to companies is a universal practice," he said, explaining that this will enable the State to periodically evaluate the method of the use of credits by beneficiaries.

"We want to preserve the national industrial fabric and all public and private companies will be supported by the State in one way or another but we will be very careful about the mode of governance and the management of these companies," affirmed the minister.

Adrar refinery plays key role in meeting southern provinces' needs for oil products

ALGIERS - Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Sonatrach Group Toufik Hakkar made a working and inspection visit to some oil and gas facilities in Adrar, including the province's refinery, where he focused on its key role in meeting the needs of southern provinces' for oil products, said the group in a communiqué.

"Accompanied by a delegation, the CEO made a working and inspection visit to some facilities in the province of Adrar," said Sonatrach in a communiqué released on its Facebook page. Hakkar started his visit with the locality of Sabaa where he inspected the gas production and processing unit that supplies the population of Adrar with natural gas. He also visited the oil production wells that supply the same province.

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The Sonatrach CEO visited the refinery of Adrar where he listened to a detailed presentation “on the second stage of the project to develop oil fields in the region of Touat, which will supply the refinery until 2040.”

The second presentation focused on the activity of the refinery units and “the plan to pursue production during the Covid-19 crisis.” On this occasion, the CEO stressed the importance of training and qualification of human resources, and “the strategic role of this refinery in meeting the needs of the southern province for oil products.”

He warmly commended the efforts made by young employees mostly originating from southern provinces and Adrar, who met the challenge of managing this refinery. Commissioned in 2007, the refinery of Adrar has a production capacity of nearly 600,000 tons of oil products per year.

Ouargla: Exportation of industrial gas to Tunisia

OUARGLA - An operation of exporting industrial gas to Tunisia was launched by the private Algerian company specialized in the production of industrial gases (Calgaz-Algérie), located in Ouargla, announced Sunday the company’s officials.

The operation is part of a long-term partnership contract for the export of industrial gases to Tunisia, namely liquefied nitrogen and oxygen, said to APS director of Calgaz-Algérie, Nadjib Khedim. This is the second operation after the one carried out last year to supply Libya with industrial gases (27,000 liters of liquefied oxygen and nitrogen), used in various sectors, such as food industry and health, said the manager.

Calgaz-Algérie is a company that ensures, through its two units in Ouargla and Laghouat, the production, marketing and distribution of air gases throughout the country. It works to accompany the country's economic development in the oil, gas, petrochemical and other fields, according to a presentation of the company.

The supply of hospital structures with liquid oxygen is part of the company's missions, which has a daily production capacity of 334 tons, as well as a large distribution fleet to ensure the delivery of its products to its customers, he said.

As part of the fight against the coronavirus (Covid-19), the company has supplied, free of charge, 256 hospitals in 36 provinces with 1,130,000 liters of medical oxygen, as part of a broad solidarity action conducted since the beginning of the health crisis, concluded the company's director.

OPEC+: Attar highlights OAPEC's efforts

ALGIERS - Energy Minister Abdelmadjid Attar highlighted, Sunday in Algiers, the efforts of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC), under the OPEC+ agreement, to restore stability in the oil market.

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In his opening address at the 105th meeting of the Council of Ministers of OAPEC, chaired by Attar via video-conference, the latter highlighted "the efforts made by the organization under the OPEC+ agreement to restore stability in the oil market and reduce the oversupply."

"The situation of instability on world markets and the uncertainty surrounding the future demand for oil in the short and medium term requires oil exporting countries, particularly Arab countries, to work together for more coordination of their energy policy, in addition to the exchange of experiences and information," added the minister.

He stressed, moreover, the need to work towards the establishment of development strategies serving the interests of OAPEC countries. In this context, Attar praised "the colossal work done by the organization, namely the conduct of a series of studies, the holding of coordination meetings, in addition to annual meetings, in various areas."

The organization has also suggested a plan for the revival and development of its activity, which could improve its performance and make it more effective, he said. Coordination among Arab oil-exporting countries will "further strengthen the chances of cooperation among member countries in the field of oil and gas, added the Energy Minister.

He also referred to the "extremely difficult" situation of the world economy and oil markets in particular, due to the spread of the pandemic of the new coronavirus, citing the significant developments it has led to in oil markets, including the dramatic drop in global demand.

FOREIGN POLICY NEWS

Conflict settlement in Western Sahara doesn't depend on individual recognition, says Guterres

ALGIERS - UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres underlined Saturday that the settlement of the conflict in Western Sahara isn't dependent on the individual recognition of States, but on the implementation of UN resolutions.

"We have been very clear, for us (UN), concerning Western Sahara, everything remains unchanged. The solution to the (conflict) in Western Sahara doesn't depend on the recognition of States individually. It depends on the implementation of the Security Council's resolutions, of which we are the guardians," said Guterres on the sidelines of the UN Climate Summit.

UN Secretary General replied to a question on the decision of the outgoing US president Donald Trump to stand out of the consensus within the Security Council on the settlement of this decolonization issue.

On Friday, the spokesman of the UN Secretary General, Stéphane Dujarric, affirmed that the Secretary General's position is "unchanged," and remains "convinced that a solution to the issue of Western Sahara is possible in accordance with the relevant Security Council resolutions."

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Normalization in return for Western Sahara's territory, futile choice in face of peoples' will

ALGIERS - Minister of Communication, Spokesman of the Government Amar Belhimer affirmed that the choice to normalize relations with the Zionist entity in return for the territory of Western Sahara is a "futile" choice in the face of the peoples' invincible will.

In an interview with the electronic paper "El-Khabar Press," Belhimer said that "the initiative of the outgoing US president Donald Trump to give overwhelming support to the occupation of Western Sahara, by recognizing of the alleged sovereignty of Morocco over it, in return for the recognition by Morocco of the occupation of the Palestinian territories by the Zionist entity, is a futile choice in the face of the peoples' invincible will against occupation and tyranny."

Concerning the opening by the United Arab Emirates of a consulate in occupied al-Ayun, the minister said that "Algeria doesn't interfere in the countries' domestic affairs; it is a position of principle. But, out of principle also, Algeria will always support the right of peoples to self-determination, considering that the Sahrawi cause remains an issue of decolonization and that the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic is a founding member of the African Union (AU). Hence, the Sahrawi cities, including al-Ayun, are cities occupied by Morocco."

The minister pointed out that "the gains, through which the new Constitution has strengthened the freedom of the press, including electronic press, constitute an implementation of the project of President of the Republic aimed at establishing the foundations of a new media reality based on professionalism, pluralism, digitization and creativity."

"To achieve this policy, the sector's action program adopted by the Government aims at enshrining the new vision of the national press and cleaning up the sector from intruders and unprofessional practices that had negative effects on its profitability as well as the performance of the press in general," he added.

The minister also affirmed that "the sector's comprehensive and participatory reform is a starting point of an action plan of the Communication Ministry. This action plan, which has already been launched, is mainly meant to reexamine the bills and laws governing the sector of Communication and generalize the use of the digital technology, notably through the creation of national cybernetic contents and the upgrading of the human resources working in the sector of information and press jobs."

Polisario: New resolution adopted by UN on SADR, snub for Morocco

ALGIERS - Representative of the Polisario Front at the United Nations Si Mohamed Amar affirmed Saturday that the adoption by the UN General Assembly of a new resolution on Western Sahara is a hard blow for the Moroccan occupation and its attempts to distort the Sahrawi cause.

In a statement to APS, the Sahrawi diplomat said that the assertion by the UN General Assembly of the legal nature of the Sahrawi cause as a decolonization issue as well as UN's responsibility vis-à-vis the Sahrawi people is a hard blow for the Moroccan occupier and its attempts to legally distort the cause." "The new resolution will strengthen the position announced by the UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres on the legal status of Western Sahara as a decolonization

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issue that could be resolved only through the Sahrawi people themselves by exercising their unchanging right to self-determination,” he said.

UN General Assembly adopted without voting on Thursday a new decision on the Sahrawi issue during its 75th session in which it reiterated the legal status of Western Sahara as a decolonization issue.

Amar underlined that the General Assembly’s resolution comes to reiterate the Sahrawi people’s unchanging right to self-determination and the independence in accordance with the principles contained in the UN Charter 1514 (D-15) but also to strengthen the position of the international organization vis-à-vis the Sahrawi cause which is a decolonization issue on the agenda of the 4th commission and the special committee in charge of studying the situation concerning the implementation of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial peoples and countries.

Fight against corruption: Strengthening project monitoring mechanisms in Africa

ALGIERS - The African Development Bank (AfDB) is strengthening its tools for auditing and monitoring projects in collaboration with the Office of Anticorruption and Integrity, said the Institution.

Quoted in a statement posted on its website on a recent webinar organized on the sidelines of the International Anti-Corruption Day, Director of Non-Sovereign Operations and Private Sector Support Department, Kodeidja Diallo, noted that in response to the current health situation, the Bank had created new tools for project verification and monitoring.

“We are trying, in this difficult situation, to find standards but the Bank is mainly strengthening these mechanisms with OAI,” she said. “We must use internal resources to ensure that the Bank continues to maintain its values and integrity,” she added.

For his part, head of shareholder relations at the African Development Bank (AfDB), Mobibo Touré, welcomed on behalf of the Bank’s president, Akinwumi Adesina, the contributions of experts in fighting corruption in this sanitary crisis marked by the Covid-19 pandemic.

“We must be innovative enough to strengthen anti-corruption practices,” he said.

Despite the current challenges, we will continue to adjust our processes in order to carry out our projects in a corruption-free environment. We must be able to stand up with integrity in the face of the pandemic,” he concluded.

Western Sahara: Morocco cannot count on U.S. support beyond January 20

NEW YORK - Morocco cannot count on U.S. diplomatic support for its expansionist plans in Western Sahara beyond January 20, when U.S. President-elect Joe Biden takes office, according to the Bloomberg agency, which says that the United States loses much more than it gains from Trump's decision. "If it is politically awkward for President-elect Joe Biden to immediately

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reverse Trump's decision, he will certainly not accept it enthusiastically," according to an article published by the Bloomberg agency.

"Morocco cannot count on U.S. diplomatic support, at the UN or elsewhere, beyond January 20," writes journalist Bobby Ghosh, calling the trilateral arrangement between the United States, Israel and Morocco over Western Sahara "a crude quid pro quo," said the source.

"Like so many of Trump's foreign-policy decisions, the U.S. loses much more than it gains from the bargain. And the tawdriness of it taints the winners," according to the Bloomberg Agency.

"But the king must know that American recognition of a country's claims is not the *carte blanche* it used to be — and that Trump has done more to devalue the currency than any other previous occupant of the White House. It is highly unlikely that another world power will join the U.S. in its endorsement. The United Nations has already announced its position on Western Sahara is "unchanged," the source further reported. Plus, in a matter of weeks, Morocco will find that the U.S. position has changed. If it is politically awkward for President-elect Joe Biden to immediately overturn Trump's decision, he will certainly not embrace it with any enthusiasm. Morocco can't rely on American diplomatic support, in the UN or elsewhere, beyond Jan. 20, according to the same news agency.

Indeed, the UN maintains a peacekeeping force in the territory and has been pursuing a settlement plan meant to eventually allow the people of Western Sahara to choose between independence and integration with Morocco.

Morocco's problems in Western Sahara will not go away. Fighting with the independence-seeking Polisario Front, which recently resumed after a three-decade cease-fire, will undoubtedly intensify, concluded the source.

International Socialist League renews support for Sahrawi people's struggle for self-determination

CHAHID EL HAFEDH - The preparatory conference for the International Socialist League Congress reaffirmed its support for the Sahrawi people struggle to self-determination, according to the Sahrawi Press Agency (SPS).

In the end of the preparatory conference for the Congress held on Saturday, the participants adopted a statement in which they affirmed their support for the Saharawi people struggle for self-determination and vigorously denounced "Morocco's new military aggression against the SADR, in the region of EL Guerguarat," added the same source.

The Youth Union of Saguia El Hamra and Rio de Oro (UJSARIO) was represented at the work of the conference by Chaïâ Beirouk, member of the technical staff of the Union's external relations department in addition to the presence of political party representatives and youth organizations from 30 countries.

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The League defended "the just struggle of the Sahrawi people and their right to self-determination, independence and freedom," rejecting "the new colonial method" adopted by Morocco and "the complicity of the European Union (EU), especially Spain and France".

The organization also called for "the immediate withdrawal of all Moroccan forces which have illegally occupied Sahrawi territories for decades", asserting "the legitimate and legal right of the Sahrawi people to recover their sovereignty over their territories," concluded the same source.

Sahrawi army continues attacks on Moroccan bases for 31st consecutive day

BIR LEHLOU (Western Sahara) - The Sahrawi People's Liberation Army (SPLA) continued its intensive attacks on Moroccan military bases behind the wall of shame on Saturday and Sunday, said a military statement number 31 from the Sahrawi Ministry of Defence.

In its statement, the ministry "the units of the SPLA continued on Saturday, their strikes against the enemy positions in the region of Tnuched (sector of Mahbes), the zone of Rous AoudiatAchdaydeh (sector of Forsiya)."

They also carried out attacks against "the area of Ankeb El Abd (Houza sector), the AkrratErramth region (Forsiya sector), the region of Tarf Dirt (Houza sector), the OumEdken zone (Bakari sector) and the KelbAdhlim region (Techla sector).

On Sunday, the statement added, "the SPLA units stormed the positions of the Moroccan military in the Tnuched region (the sector of Mahbes) and Rous Echadhimiya (the Mehbes sector)." The SPLA has been carrying out intense attacks against Moroccan army positions since the violation of the ceasefire agreement by the occupation forces who attacked unarmed Sahrawi civilians during a peaceful demonstration in El Guerguerart on November 13th.

Zionist entity, Makhzen implement "imperialist" strategy

ALGIERS - The Zionist entity and the Moroccan Makhzen "implement one common imperialist strategy," said the Director General of the National Institutes of Global Strategic Studies (INESG) Abdelaziz Medjahed on the national radio.

"Makhzen and the Zionist entity are two hegemonic parties that implement a plan aimed at destabilizing republics for the benefit of monarchies in an area extending from the east of the Atlantic to Afghanistan," Medjahed said on "Invité de la Redaction" radio show.

The aforesaid plan has its roots in the Sykes-Picot Agreements between France and the United Kingdom (UK) in 1916 for the partition of the Middle East and the Balfour Declaration in 1917 that provided for the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine. The US Great Middle East Project has updated this plan, recalled Medjahed.

"The Zionist entity has always had relations with the Kingdom of Morocco" and the recent US President Donald Trump announcement on normalization has only formalized these long-standing ties," he continued.

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However, he was keen to distinguish between “Makhzen that serves an imperialist strategy and the brotherly Moroccan people.”

Algeria should strengthen its internal front given the current situation, said Medjahed. Speaking about the situation in Libya and the Sahel region, Medjahed accused the occidental imperialism that has led to chaos and aims to hinder the development of Russia and China.

Western Sahara: Trump's unilateral declaration, violation of UN, AU resolutions

BRUSSELS - European Inter-Parliamentary Conference for Solidarity with Sahrawi People on Saturday condemned US President Donald Trump's unilateral declaration on alleged Morocco's sovereignty over Western Sahara, stressing that the move is a serious violation of the UN Charter and all the international resolutions issued by the United Nations and the African Union.

"Western Sahara is not for sale and cannot be the object of any kind of bargaining," said the 136 participants in the conference, in a statement at the end of the event held by videoconference. They said that Trump's statement which announced Thursday, in a Tweet, that he had "negotiated an agreement for Morocco to normalize its relations with Israel" and, in return, the United States will recognize the alleged Moroccan claims to Western Sahara, is "a serious treason against the Saharawi people as well as the Palestinian people."

Mentioning Morocco's aggression against Saharawi civilians in the Guerguerat buffer zone, in the southwest of Western Sahara, on November 13th, the participants in the conference have "vehemently condemned the violation of the 1991 ceasefire agreement" by the Kingdom of Morocco and "the repressive campaign subsequently launched against the Saharawi population in the occupied territories."

They also noted that the "the decades-long conflict in Western Sahara and the United Nations' failure to enforce the rights of the Saharawi people, starting with their right to self-determination, have led to a prolonged stalemate that has clearly favored the illegal occupier, Morocco."

They took the opportunity to appeal to United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres to "get out of immobility and act urgently for the respect of the inalienable rights of the Saharawi people (UN General Assembly Resolution 1514 of 1960)."

The conference was attended by the former Special Representative of the UN for Western Sahara, the Italian Francesco Bastagli, the European Parliament (EP) member (of the European Unitary Left), Manu Pineda, and the head of EUCOCO, Pierre Galand.

It addressed the situation in the occupied Western Sahara territories and appealed to the United Nations Human Rights Council and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to "act urgently for the liberation of all Saharawi political prisoners held in Moroccan prisons."

UN Climate Ambition Summit 2020 to raise level of ambition

ALGIERS - The minister of Environment, Nassira Benharrats, said on the sidelines of the virtual Climate Ambition Summit 2020, opened by the secretary general of the United Nations Antonio

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Guterres on Saturday, that the event "is meant to give a fresh impetus to the efforts aiming at raising the level of ambition of the parties of the Paris Agreement," the ministry said in a statement.

Benharrats represented the President of the Republic, Abdelmadjid Tebboune, at the summit held by videoconference under the auspices of the United Nations, France and the United Kingdom with the participation of Italy and Chile.

This summit commemorates the 5th anniversary of the Paris (COP-2015) signed by 197 States, which aims to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions. The summit is also meant to be a platform for involving civil society, young people, businesses and NGOs in the relevant efforts, the statement said.

Heads of state and government from 111 countries and representatives of large firms, banks, civil society and non-governmental organizations took part in the summit.

The summit is an important step in the preparations for the 26th UN Climate Conference (COP 26), to be held in Glasgow, United Kingdom, in November 2021, the statement stressed.

MISCELLANEOUS

SPORT

Arab Youth Chess Championships: Algeria snatches nine medals, including 3 gold

ALGIERS - Algeria won nine medals (3 gold, 4 silver and 2 bronze) in the final stage of Arab Youth Chess Championships, held online Friday and Saturday (December 11-12).

The gold medals went to Amine Acherchour (U6 O), Saoussane Aissani (U8 G) and Manel Nassr (U16 G).

The four silver medals were won by Naila Nour Ramoul (U10 G), Abdeljalil Bidi (U14 O), Chahrazed Djerroud (U14 G) and Lina Nassr (U20 G) while Mohamed Walid Belattar (U12 O) and NesrineBoubendir (U12 O) received the bronze.

Algeria competed in the final with 30 participants: 14 qualified from the preliminary round and 16 selected by the Federation Algerian chess. The event was held under the 11-round system at the pace of three minutes plus two seconds per shot.

This sporting event, organized by the Arab Chess Union, brought together more than 800 male and female chess players 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 and 20 years old from 21 countries.