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COVID-19 LATEST NEWS

COVID-19 in Algeria: Slight increase in cases due to non-compliance with barrier measures

ALGIERS - The slight increase in the number of corona virus (COVID-19) cases, over the few past days, in Algeria is mainly due to non-compliance with barrier measures, the spokesman of the scientific committee for monitoring the progress of the corona virus pandemic, Dr Djamel Fourar, said.

"We have noticed a slight increase in the number of people affected by the pandemic in recent days," Fourar told reporters in his daily press briefing about the progress of the Covid-19 pandemic.

This is due, he said, to "the failure to comply with the barrier measures against the spread of the virus, following the resumption of some business, economic and social activities in various provinces."

The health official, however, pointed out that it was "highly anticipated" as many countries have recorded a surge in the disease, such as China, France and Italy.

Fourar also noted a rise in the death toll relating to the novel corona virus, involving "old and very old people," citing the death of a 108-year-old person, contaminated by family members who failed to comply with the protective measures.

He said the people who died from the virus on Thursday were "all affected by chronic diseases," calling on citizens to strictly comply with barrier gestures.

"Every citizen must respect the measures that are simple to apply, such as hand hygiene, social distancing, abiding by the lockdown (from 8 pm to 5 am) and, especially, wearing masks, which is mandatory."

COVID-19: All prevention, medical resources available in Algerian hospitals

ALGIERS - The minister of Health, Population and Hospital Reform, Abderrahmane Benbouzid, said Thursday all prevention and medical resources have been made available to provide an appropriate care to patients impacted by the Covid-19 in the country's hospitals.

In the question-answer session at the Council of the Nation (upper house of Parliament), and in reply to questions on the measures taken to stem the expansion of Covid-19 and the reasons for the delay in the achievement of some health projects in many provinces, Benbouzid said 51 facilities, in 15 provinces, have been dedicated to the quarantine of those repatriated from abroad. He also mentioned the set-up of a scientific committee for monitoring the progress of the epidemic.

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The committee has efficiently contributed to the development of treatments, the support for the National Pandemic Strategy and the increase in the stock of preventive and medical resources, such as tests, drugs and masks.

Regarding the availability of masks, the minister said the national stock has reached 16 million units, highlighting that many sectors continue to produce more than two million masks a day.

He added that the locally produced masks comply with health standards and will be made available to citizens at a reasonable price.

FOREIGN POLICY NEWS

Decolonization in Western Sahara: Polisario can no longer accept current stalemate

BOUDJEDOUR (Refugee Camps) - The president of the Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR), Brahim Ghali, said the Polisario Front can no longer accept the current stalemate of the decolonization process in Western Sahara, condemning Morocco's obstacles.

"Concerning the decolonization process in Western Sahara, the Frente Polisario Front cannot accept the current stalemate," said a statement released at the end of a meeting of the Front's Permanent Office, chaired by President Ghali, the secretary general of the Polisario Front.

The meeting chaired by the Saharawi leader condemned "Morocco's obstruction and intransigence, with support of France, and the failure to comply with the solution criteria specified in the AU-UN solution plan, signed by the parties to the conflict, namely the Polisario Front and Morocco, and ratified by the Security Council in 1991."

The meeting's agenda, according to the statement, focused on "summer programmes, the situation in the occupied territories of Western Sahara and the humanitarian situation in Saharawi refugee camps, in the light of the reports presented by the monitoring committee of the Covid-19 and the effects of the pandemic in the region."