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DOMESTIC NEWS

Eid al-Adha: Greetings of President Tebboune to Algerian people

ALGIERS - President of the Republic, Abdelmajid Tebboune, extended on Thursday his greetings to the Algerian people, on the occasion of the celebration of Eid al-Adha, on Friday.

In his message, President Tebboune paid tribute to the “persons who died of the Coronavirus pandemic which imposes on us to live those blessed days in the same conditions as Eid al Fitr.”

“Thousands of Algerians, like all the Muslims around the world have been deprived from accomplishing, this year, the hajj rituals and prayers in mosques as they are maintained closed,” he said.

The President has also paid a glowing tribute to “healthcare workers and all the volunteers who support them.”

President Tebboune added that he would have liked so much to “inaugurate the Great Mosque of Algiers and accomplish, amongst the faithful, the Eid al Adha prayers, but the current conditions do not allow it.”

”I remain convinced that together we are capable of overcoming such ordeal, thanks to the determination of our people, genius of its children and to the multiple capacities and potentialities of our country” President concluded.

President Tebboune hails positions of lawyer Halimi, support to Algerian people struggle

ALGIERS - President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune sent a message of condolence to the family of the lawyer Gisèle Halimi who died on Tuesday in Paris.

The president praised her militant career and her positions favorable to the struggle of the Algerian people for national independence, said Thursday a press release from the Presidency of the Republic.

"It is with great sadness that I learned of the death of lawyer Gisèle Halimi, an exceptional woman with a militant career that resembles the brave and honorable struggles of eminent personalities, known for their positions in favor of the struggle of the Algerian people for national independence," the statement read.

"Gisèle Halimi was a renowned author and jurist, who did not hesitate to condemn colonial barbarism and its abject practices," the statement added.

"She is leaving us today, but she will remain through her struggle, her positions and her rich career, an example of a free, courageous and honest woman," the statement read.

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"On this sad occasion, I extend to his children and to each member of her family my deepest condolences and my sincere feelings of compassion and sympathy," the statement concluded.

Associative movement can contribute to country's socioeconomic development

CONSTANTINE - The Associative movement is able "to create wealth locally and contribute to the socioeconomic development of the country," said Wednesday in Constantine Advisor to President of the Republic in charge of the Associative movement and the national community abroad Nazih Berramdane.

"The involvement of the associative movement on the spot, its proposals to improve the daily-life of citizens locally and nationally, and its commitment on the ground can contribute to the development of society," said Berramdane at a consultation meeting with representatives of the associative movement held at the Ahmed Bey auditorium.

Hailing the solidarity shown by citizens in the fight of the propagation of the corona virus, Berramdane said that 1,700 halls had been reserved by associations since last June for consultation meetings and assistance activities "under compliance with the preventive measures recommended in these exceptional circumstances."

The same official emphasized the role of the associative movement in any society and the importance President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune attaches to associations as "an inseparable part of the equation of participatory democracy."

The reduction to 10 days of the period of study of requests for the creation of associations, the streamlining of bureaucratic procedures and the opening of areas for meetings reflect the willingness of the State to "really involve civil society in building a new Algeria," said Berramdane.

Out of 4,000 requests, 2,600 associations were approved in one month nationally, recalled Berramdane.

This consultation meeting, which will be followed by other similar ones through various regions of the country, "reflects State's willingness to involve the associative movement in the efforts to develop the country," affirmed Berramdane.

He urged associations to respond to the call for collaboration "through ideas and proposals on Algeria's future."

The associative movement is urged to partake in consultations that will help the State "to create a new relationship between the administration and civil society based on transparency and complementarity," affirmed Berramdane."

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Forest fires: Premier installs watchdog unit

ALGIERS - Prime Minister Abdelaziz Djerad on Thursday set up a watchdog unit to permanently monitor and assess the evolution of the forest fire situation as well as the effectiveness of prevention and control measures provided for this purpose, said the Prime Minister's Office in a communiqué.

"This watch unit is also tasked with investigating the origins of these fires and implementing all State measures to protect and secure the population and property," said the source.

The population will be informed "periodically" of the evolution of the situation, said the PM's Office.

COVID-19 NEWS

Coronavirus: 13 additional flights to repatriate Algerians stranded abroad

ALGIERS - The third phase of the repatriation operation of the Algerians stranded abroad, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, will start in the beginning of August, with 13 flights scheduled from 4 to 9 August, including nine flights scheduled from four large airports where the Algerians stranded in several countries worldwide will be grouped together, announced the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Abdelaziz Benali Cherif.

The operation will start from the airport of Dubai where two flights are scheduled on 4 and 7 August for the repatriation of Algerians stranded in United Arab Emirates and those holding tickets of the Emirates Airlines, coming from South Korea, Bangladesh, China, Vietnam, Thailand, Australia, Madagascar and Kenya.

The operation will continue from the airport of Istanbul for the Algerian citizens stranded in Turkey in addition to citizens with tickets of the Turkish air company stranded in the north of Cyprus and in the Republic of Azerbaijan, who will be repatriated on August 5th.

Two other flights are also scheduled to repatriate citizens stranded in Turkey, where the first one will be on 6 August.

The second flight, scheduled for 9 August, will repatriate the rest of the Algerians stranded in Turkey as well as citizens possessing tickets of the Turkish Airways company, coming from Vietnam, Thailand, Madagascar and Pakistan, and citizens stranded in Syria and Lebanon that will be assembled at the international airport of Beirut where the plane of this flight will made a stop to repatriate them.

From the airport of Doha, one (01) flight is scheduled on 8 August for the citizens stranded in Qatar who will be joined by citizens having tickets of the company Qatar Airways, coming from South Korea, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Japan, Thailand, Madagascar, Kenya and Tanzania.

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Three flights are scheduled from the airport of Paris on 4, 5 and 9 August for the repatriation of Algerians stranded in France as well as citizens possessing tickets of Air France coming from Brazil, Cuba, Mexico, Argentina, Colombia, Congo and some African countries.

Four other flights are scheduled for the same period from Washington DC on 5 August, to repatriate the rest of the Algerians stranded in the United States of America, Jeddah (Saudi Arabia) on 6 August from Johannesburg (South Africa), and 6 August via Luanda (Angola), Libreville (Gabon) and Abidjan (Ivory Coast).

A last flight is scheduled from Baghdad (Iraq) on 8 August via Kuwait.

Flights from these cities and others are being examined and programmed, in addition to the file of the repatriation of the Algerians who are still stranded in Tunisia and Mauritania, said the spokesman of the Foreign Affairs Ministry.

ECONOMIC NEWS

Hydrocarbons: Sonatrach, international company OMV sign Memorandum of Understanding

ALGIERS - National oil company Sonatrach and international oil and gas company OMV signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to engage in discussions in order to identify possibilities for both sides to invest jointly in exploration, development and production operations of hydrocarbons in Algeria, said Thursday a communiqué of Sonatrach.

"The MoU shows the interest of the two parties to assess the collaboration opportunities after the recent promulgation of the new law on hydrocarbons," said the source.

Based in Vienna (Austria), OMV is an integrated international oil and gas company, with a daily upstream production of 487,000 bep/day in 2019, on its main five regions of central and Eastern Europe, Middle East and Africa, the North Sea, Russia and Asia-Pacific, concluded the communiqué.

Liquidity problem, cyclical is being resolved, says Minister

ALGIERS - Finance Minister Aymen Benabderrahmane said Thursday in Algiers that the lack of liquidity in the country was a "cyclical" problem, ensuring that the situation is stabilizing.

Speaking to the press on the sidelines of a joint conference with Deputy Minister for Microenterprises, Nassim Diafat, and Benabderrahmane said that the situation of "mini liquidity problem" that our country is currently experiencing was a problem that "arises also in most countries around the world."

During the period leading up to the Eid, thousands of sheep have sold, which requires significant cash flow, he said.

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"The situation is stabilizing. All the provinces have been supplied, notably those who have experience shortage, like Setif and Skikda," he said.

"It is true that we are a cash economy but it is cyclical," he said.

FOREIGN POLICY NEWS

Sahrawi refugee camps: First death with corona virus

CHAHID EL HAFEDH - Four confirmed corona virus cases and a first death were reported in the Sahrawi refugee camps, which were spared until last June, said Health Minister of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic Kheira Bellaha, underlining the continued efforts of the State and medical teams to monitor the situation.

In an interview to APS, Bellaha said concerning the "management of the corona virus crisis in the Sahrawi refugee camps, "that "until the end of last June, no suspect or confirmed case was recorded in the camps."

"We have recorded in July four confirmed cases, two of which recovered, as well as a first fatality," she added, pointing out that the transmission of the virus was made via people coming from areas affected by the pandemic.

In this respect, she shed light on the ongoing work between doctors, specialists and the Sahrawi National Committee of Prevention against Coronavirus, in coordination with the national Mechanism, for the evaluation of the current situation, notably with the Algerian health authorities, broaching the coordination with the Sahrawi military health services in the liberated territories.

Affirming that the daily monitoring in the refugee camps and in the liberated territories is carried out through health monitoring stations, she stressed the implementation, since the beginning of the pandemic, of a national committee for the prevention, made up of specialists and sides involved in health field.

Sahrawi National Committee of Prevention against Coronavirus developed a protocol enabling the implementation of an integrated plan on the fight against corona virus, said the health Minister.

Concerning the necessary means to face this situation, Bellaha underlined the aid of several partners, and notably Algeria, citing in this regard, the field hospital made available by Algeria to the Sahrawi people in the refugee camp of Rabouni.

Algeria sent in April humanitarian aid comprising foodstuffs and medical equipment for the Sahrawi people.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Meriem Mesraoua's "A fleur de peau" at Venice Film Festival

ALGIERS - The Algerian short film "A fleur de peau" directed by Meriem Mesraoua will partake in the competition of the 77th International Venice Film Festival scheduled on 02-12 September, announced the organizers on the event website.

"A fleur de peau" is competing in the "Orizzonti" (Horizon) section, with "The Night Train" by Swede Jerry Carisson, "Anita" by Indian Sushma Khadepaun, "Workshop" by New Zealander Judah Finnigan, "Was Wahrscheinlich War" by German Willy Hans, "The Shift" by Portuguese Laura Carreira, "The Game" by Swiss Roman Hodel, "Places" by Lithuanian Vytautas Katkus, "Being my Mom" by Italian Jasmine Trinca and "Live in Cloud Cuckoo Land" by Vietnamese Nghia Vu Minh and Thy pham Hoang Minh.

Meriem Mesraoua's 15-minute short film tells the story of young Sarah who "tries to redefine her relationship with others and herself" after her mother forbids her to bite her nails, realizing that she will now have to "conform to new rules she does not understand."

Algerian director Malek Bensmain's documentary film "Meursault contre enquête" will be screened alongside six other documentary film projects as part of the "Gap-Financing Market" programme, which aims to find additional funding for film projects by bringing together film professionals.

The film projects "Hadjer" by Anis Djaad and "Soula" by Salah Issaad will participate in the "Final Cut in Venice" workshop, another track of the festival that works to find financing for films in the post-production stage.