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DOMESTIC NEWS

President Tebboune grants interview to leaders of national media

ALGIERS - President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune granted an interview to national media leaders, in which he referred to several domestic and regional issues, said the Presidency of the Republic in a communiqué.

“As part of his periodical regular meetings with national media, President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune granted an interview to national media leaders, in which he referred to several domestic and regional issues,” said the source.

The interview will be broadcast this Sunday at 9:00 p.m. on national television and radio stations, the same source said.

Oran’s 40,000-seat stadium: Pace of works significantly progressing

ORAN- The construction works of the new 40,000-seat stadium of Oran are significantly progressing, said Sunday, in Oran, Minister of Housing, Urban Planning and the City Kamel Nasri and Minister of Youth and Sports Sid Ali Khaldi.

“The works are significantly progressing. It is a sporting infrastructure of which Algeria is proud,” said Nasri on the sidelines of his visit to stadium in question.

The minister welcomed the settlement of almost all the technical, financial and contractual problems, “allowing the considerable progress in the construction works of this stadium” that will host, amongst others, the opening and closing ceremonies of the Mediterranean Games of Oran in 2022.

He said he is confident about the country’s capacities to organize a Mediterranean event of the first class, and that the Algeria athletes will harvest a good number of medals.

“This stadium will strengthen the Algerian sporting infrastructures, offering the country the opportunities to organize in the future major international sporting events,” said Minister of Sports and Youth.

Khaldi insisted on the need to deliver the stadium, whose progress rate of works has reached 92%, as well as the complementary structures of this complex, whose works have progressed by 40%, within the set deadlines.

ECONOMIC NEWS

Higher education-industry: Agreements on creation of technology hubs to be signed on Monday

ALGIERS - Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Abdelbaki Benziane and Minister of Industry Ferhat Ait Ali Braham, will sign on Monday in Algiers agreements on the creation of technology hubs in cooperation with the industrial sector, the ministry said in a statement on Sunday.

The signing ceremony will be held in the presence of several members of the government at the headquarters of the Ministry of Higher Education, added the same source.

"The creation of a technology hub driven by a dynamic of innovation encourages the creation a network to favor the circulation of ideas, the exchange of skills, the access and the practice of new technologies," said the same source.

For the ministry, the policy of technology hubs is intended to "strengthen" the competitiveness of the national economy and "develop" growth and employment, as well as "boost" partnerships among companies, higher education and scientific research establishments and research agencies or organizations.

As part of the fight against the Coronavirus (Covid-19), industrial models stemmed from scientific research in cooperation with the industrial sector will be presented, concluded the press release.

Water reserve: Country to get supplies until end of year

ALGIERS - The hydric reserve will enable the country to get its supplies until the end of the year without cut-off despite low rainfall recorded in the different regions of the country, said Sunday, in Algiers, Minister of Water Resources Arezki Berraki.

In an interview to "Liberté" newspaper in its edition of 19 July, the minister said that "despite a not particularly encouraging season start given the low rainfall recorded in different regions of the country, we have reserves that will enable us meeting the demand until the end of the year without cut-off."

He underlined that "the distribution of drinking water is currently ensured in 75% of our communes. However, the situation is fragile in 27 provinces, as well as an unacceptable situation in a number of grey areas whose concerns must be addressed as soon as possible."

An exponential decline in flow was noted at the level of surface waters, he stressed.

Algeria's surface waters decreased from 6.5 billion m³ in the 1970s to 5 billion m³ in the 1980s to stand at 4 billion m³ in the 2000s.

Draft bill on mines to be submitted to Government shortly

ALGIERS - Minister of Mines Mohamed Arkab affirmed Sunday that several reforms will be engaged in the sector of mining, like the revision of the current legislation in order to attract investments, adding that the draft bill on mines will be submitted to the Council of Government in the next few days.

Guest of the National Radio, Arkab said that the strategy of the mining sector's revival is based on four lines, notably the revision of the law governing the mining activity to attract more local and foreign investors with a view to enabling the sector to contribute to the economic revival and providing the manufacturing industries with the necessary raw materials.

"A working group is, at the level of the ministry, elaborating the draft bill modifying the mining law of 2014 that will be submitted to the Council of the Government as soon as possible," he added.

The second line includes the revision of the national mining map for more accuracy in the census of the country's mining resources.

For this purpose, the ministry is working in collaboration with the national experts inside and outside the country to establish the necessary foundations for the sector's revival.

The third line focuses on the development of the existing mines, i.e. already discovered through their restructuration, organization and management.

It is also expected the reorganization of companies operating in the sector of mines, through the creation of a professional and strong company comprising subsidiaries and not a holding as it is the case currently, added the minister.

The fourth and last line concerns the training of the human resources to improve the level of skills.

The minister explained the mining sector's weak contribution to the national economy and the gross domestic product (GDP) by the deviation of the previous governments from the objectives fixed in the 1970s, aimed at developing the exploitation of underground and surface mineral resources, pointing out that the Government is steering towards the diversification of the national economy.

In his reply to a question on the mining wealth, Arkab reported more than 1,000 underground mineral resources in Algeria, including 70 million tons of iron in Ouenza and Boukhadra and 3 billion tons in Ghar Djebilet, while the mining capacities in phosphate amounts to 2.5 billion tons in Bir El Ater, in Tebessa, in addition to other precious and non-precious metals.

The minister underlined that the revival of the existing mining activities will be carried out in two phases, in the short and medium terms, ranging from 3 months to one year.

FOREIGN POLICY NEWS

South Africa warns UN Security Council about violence against women in occupied Western Sahara, Palestine

NEW YORK (United Nations) – South Africa warned the UN Security Council about the increasing violations of human rights in occupied Palestine and Western Sahara, in particular the hostilities permanently committed against women.

"Conflict situations like in Palestine and Western Sahara, where human rights violations are widespread and where women are affected by hostilities, must not escape our scrutiny," said the South African Minister for International Relations and Cooperation, Naledi Pandor, during a public debate, held Friday by videoconference at the UN Security Council, on "women, peace and security: sexual violence in conflicts."

The South African foreign minister argued that "this will ensure that there is no selectivity or bias in reporting and will maintain the objective credibility of the UN processes."

As Member States, the South African Minister said, "we must mitigate some of the serious negative impacts of sexual violence such as stigma, discrimination, rejection and social exclusion".

"The execution of these activities requires sustainable and predictable funding. Therefore, there should be consistent funding for programs aimed at combating wartime sexual and gender-based violence, including protection of health, easy access to services for victims and survivors of sexual violence such as clinical rape treatment, medical, psychosocial and legal services as well as assistance for the reintegration of victims and survivors," she added.

Algeria-Indonesia: Stele of President Soekarno in Algiers reflects historical relations

ALGIERS - The Foreign Affairs Ministry's Director General for Asia-Oceania Boumediene Guenad, representing Foreign Minister Sabri Boukadoum said on Saturday that the unveiling of the stele of late Indonesian President Ahmed Soekarno in the commune of Ben Aknoun (Algiers), represented a "new page in the radiant and privileged historical relations between the two brother peoples".

The stele located in the Mustapha-Khalef real estate in Ben Aknoun has been inaugurated in the presence of Indonesian Ambassador to Algiers, Safira Machrusah.

It "will undoubtedly strengthen the traditional Algerian-Indonesian relations and demonstrate the deep respect the Algerians have for the noble positions of the deceased President Ahmed Soekarno," added the same official.

The representative of the Foreign Minister recalled the decision of late Soekarno to invite the National Liberation Front (FLN), six months after the outbreak of the Glorious Liberation War, to take part in the Bandung Conference in April 1955.

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The Conference which brought together the representatives of the peoples of Asia and Africa, had been "an opportunity to recognize the right of the Algerian people to self-determination and independence".

Describing this participation as a "victory for the Algerian cause in major international fora," Guenad referred to the note presented by a group of African and Asian countries to the UN Secretary-General, in which they demanded to include the Algerian cause in the agenda of the 10th UN General Assembly in October 1955, in "support of the legitimacy of the struggle of the Algerian people for independence."

MISCELLANEOUS

CULTURE

"The salt of all oblivion," new Yasmina Khadra's novel in bookshops soon

ALGIERS - «The salt of all oblivion," the new novel of Algerian writer Yasmina Khadra will be published soon in Algeria and in several other countries, the author said in a post on his Facebook page. Expected for August 20, "The salt of all oblivion" will be published in Algeria by "Casbah" publishing house, as well as in France, Switzerland and Belgium, added the author.

The novel tells the story of Adem Naït-Gacem, a schoolteacher who cannot bear the vacuum left by the departure of his wife, abandons his students and embraces all adverse winds, summarizes the author in an overview, posted on Facebook.

"Providential encounters cross his path, blind musician with prophetic song, old veterans, convalescent and simple galley slaves always send him back to redemptions in which he refuses to believe. Until the day he is overtaken by his old demons," he details again.

Yasmina Khadra offers "a meditation on possession and separation, denial and mistake, and on the place that women occupy in obtuse mentalities through the peregrinations of a melancholy antihero."

A prolific author, Yasmina Khadra, one of the most widely read French-speaking novelists in the Maghreb and Europe, has been publishing for more than 25 years and has active about thirty novels, translated into more than 40 languages.

The author of *Morituri* (1997), "The long night of a repentant" (2010) or even "The last night of the Rais" (2015) and "The outrage done to Sarah Ikker" (2019) has received multiple awards in Spain, France, Belgium and the United States, in particular.

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President of Republic awards medals of “Achir” rank national merit to Athmane Ariouet, Kaddour Darsouni

ALGIERS - President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune signed presidential decrees, published in the Official Journal No. 40, awarding medals of national merit of the rank of "Achir" to the recently deceased Sheikh of Malouf Kaddour Darsouni, and to the actor Athmane Ariouet.

Decree No. 20-169 awards the medal of the Order of National Merit of the rank of "Achir" to the actor Athmane Ariouet, known for his roles in films such as "The Epic of Sheikh Bouamama" (1983), "Family as Others" (1992), "The Clandestine Taxi" (1989) and "Carnival fi dechra" (1994).

President Tebboune also awarded the medal of the National Order of Merit of the rank of "Achir" posthumously to Sheikh Kaddour Darsouni, who passed away last April at the age of 93.

Kaddour Darsouni, Mohamed Darsouni of his real name, had devoted his life to teaching of the malouf at the Constantine Conservatory. Nicknamed "the trainer of generations", he worked for the transmission of music for more than 70 years.