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DOMESTIC NEWS

President Tebboune receives President of National Council for Human Right

ALGIERS - President of the Republic, Abdelmadjid Tebboune, received on Monday President of the National Council for Human Rights (CNDH), Bouzid Lazhari, who handed him the annual report on the human rights situation in Algeria for the year 2019, the Presidency of the Republic said in a communiqué.

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Human rights: President Tebboune deeply permeated with culture of protecting citizens’ rights

ALGIERS - Chairman of the National Human Rights Council (CNHD) Bouzid Lazhari affirmed Monday that President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune is deeply permeated with the culture of the protection of citizens’ rights.

“President of the Republic is deeply permeated with the culture of protecting citizens’ rights and with the conviction that the State’s first mission is the protection of rights,” Lazhari told the press after submitting the annual report 2019 on human rights in Algeria to the Head of State.

“We have also noticed a strong political willingness to enshrine human rights, notably the freedom of expression, the independence of justice, the freedom to form associations and the freedom of peaceful protest as part of the law and preservation of the State’s founding principles,” he added.

Concerning the report submitted to President of the Republic, CNHD’s head said that it is centered mainly on “the original blessed Hirak which claimed human rights, transparent and honest elections and the eradication of dirty money.”

In this respect, he emphasized the pressing need to restore “the people’s trust” who called for “the enshrinement of human rights in the civil, political, social and economic fields by achieving the main objective of the Declaration of 1st November.”

Army eliminates two terrorists in Ain Defla

ALGIERS - A detachment of the People’s National Army (ANP) eliminated two terrorists and recovered a quantity of weapons and ammunitions during an ambush laid in Djbel Amrouna, near the commune of Hassinia, in the province of Ain Defla, announced the National Defence Ministry in a communiqué.

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"As part of counterterrorism, an Army detachment eliminated two (02) terrorists and recovered two (02) Kalashnikov-type machine pistols, a quantity of ammunition, one (01) grenade and one (01) pair of binoculars, during an ambush laid on 28 July 2020 in Djbel Amrouna, near the commune of El-Hassinia, province of Ain Defla (1st Military Region)," said the source.

The Army "reiterates its commitment and determination, through its tireless efforts in the fight against terrorism, to hunt down these criminals and eliminate them wherever they are throughout the national territory, and to foil any attempt to undermine the security and stability of the country," said the source.

ECONOMIC NEWS

Freezing payment of financial obligations for economic operators

ALGIERS - Ministry of Finance decided to freeze the payment of financial obligations for the economic operators affected by the fallouts of the health crisis, said Monday the ministry in a communiqué.

"As part of the implementation of the instructions of President of the Republic given during the Council of ministers of 26 July 2020, aimed at easing the tax burden incumbent upon the economic operators affected by the fallouts of the health crisis and at reviving and preserving their activities, it has been decided to freeze the payment of the financial obligations," said the source.

Consequently, the economic operators benefit from the suspension of the application of all penalties, fines and increases incurred in case of possible delay in paying tax obligations during the lockdown period, said the source.

The economic operators whose activity remains affected by the current health situation, because of the restrictions decreed on the exercise of their activity, will have the advantage to request payment schedule of due taxes, according to their financial capacities.

Olive oil: Outcomes of national contest "Apulée 2020" unveiled

ALGIERS - The outcomes of the 3rd national contest for the best Algerian extra virgin olive oil have been unveiled by the organizers of the "Apuleius 2020" competition.

The jury composed of nine national and international university experts in tasting virgin olive oil produced in 2019-2020 campaign rewarded Company "Eurl huilerie Echadjra El Moubaraka" of Bir El Ater (Tebessa 588 km east of Algiers) which obtained the gold medal in the category "ripe fruity".

Regarding the "light green fruity" category, the "Afra Mostafa" farm in Ain Safra (Naama) obtained the gold medal.

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In addition, the gold medal for the "medium green fruity" category went to olive grower Mohamed-Larbi Mekhencha.

Samir Gani, manager of the publication "L'Olivier Magazine," the organizing body of the contest told APS that the contest aimed at improving the quality of this product for the Algerian consumer.

"Extra virgin oils have many benefits such as antioxidants. It is necessary to improve the quality of national olive oil both for the domestic and foreign markets," he said.

Start-up financing fund to be created in coming days

M'SILA - Minister Delegate to the Prime Minister in charge of Knowledge Economy and Start-ups Yacine El-Mahdi Oualid announced Tuesday in M'sila that the investment fund aimed at financing startups will be created in the next few days.

As part of his visit to start-up exhibition in the incubator of the University of M'sila, the minister stated that this Fund will be "be created in the next few days and will provide the necessary support for start-ups."

El Mahdi Oualid said that the creation of a digital platform by the delegated ministry "will constitute a link between operators and actors in the field."

The minister delegate also praised the role of the incubators of start-ups activating in universities as an "important source of the knowledge-based economy."

He further stated that "the new legal system will promote scientific research by creating research companies in all fields of activity."

COVID-19 NEWS

Covid-19: Banks urged to assess financial damages

ALGIERS - Banks and finance institutions are called upon to objectively assess the financial damages caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, said the Ministry of Finance in a correspondence addressed to the Banks and Finance Institutions Association (AFEF).

In this correspondence, the ministry urges "the banks and financial institutions to objectively evaluate the damages, and the shortfall of economic operators in their portfolios, mainly small and medium-sized businesses."

This measure is part of the public authorities' contributions to counter the economic impacts emanating from the actual health crisis.

In this respect, the ministry recalled the need for all the association's members to apply the device already adopted by the Association of Banks and Financial Institutions (AFEF).

FOREIGN POLICY NEWS

Study day on theme “No to exploitation of persons” opens in Algiers

ALGIERS - The works of a study day under the theme “No to the exploitation of persons” kicked off Tuesday at the International Conference Center Abdelatif Rahal, in Algiers.

This study day is organized by the National Committee of Prevention and Fight against Human Trafficking, in coordination with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), as part of the celebration of the World Day against Trafficking in Persons which coincides with July 30th of each year.

This study day aims at raising awareness on the situation of the victims of human trafficking, giving an overview on the triennial program of the implementation of the action plan on prevention and fight against human trafficking and also aims at introducing the national legislation on human trafficking.

It will shed light on the actions undertaken by the security services in the prevention and fight against the trafficking in persons.

The United Nations General Assembly adopted in 2013 the resolution 68-192 proclaiming July 30, of each year, a world day against trafficking in persons.

This resolution aims to make” the situation of the victims of human trafficking known and to protect their rights.”

Algeria “plays leading” role in combating human trafficking

ALGIERS - Algeria plays a “leading role” in combating human trafficking in United Nations (UN) forums, said Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System in Algeria Eric Overvest.

“Algeria plays a leading role in human trafficking in United Nations (UN) forms,” said Overvest at a study-day themed “No to human trafficking” held by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

In this regard, Overvest expressed UN’s recognition to key stakeholders for their “crucial and fundamental” role in combating human trafficking, notably the National Gendarmerie and Police, magistrates, customs, solidarity institutions and doctors.

“Each in his respective mission, you reflect the efforts and deep commitment of Algeria to combating human trafficking and protecting the victims of this horrible crime,” said the UN official.

Chairperson of the National Body for the Protection and Promotion of Children (ONPPE) Meriem Chorfi focused on the need to coordinate and multiply international efforts to combat any form of human trafficking.

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“This scourge is spreading and has no border or religion. It is an abject crime based on the exploitation of the weakest ones, the vast majority of whom are women and children,” Chorfi deplored.

A counseling service has been set up to warn against children rights violations, which received nearly half a million calls for information and orientation between January and 26 July.

Saudi Arabia "committed" to cooperate with Algeria for peaceful solution to Libya crisis

ALGIERS - Saudi Minister of Foreign Affairs Prince Faisal bin Farhan on Tuesday in Algiers that his country is committed to "coordinate with Algeria to reach a peaceful solution to the Libyan crisis and enable it to recover its security and stability." He also stressed the crucial role of the neighboring countries in this question.

Speaking to the press in the aftermath of his meeting with President Abdelmadjid Tebboune, the Saudi foreign minister insisted on the "important and crucial role of the neighboring countries in the peaceful settlement of the conflict in Libya, with a view to protecting this country against terrorism and foreign interference."

We "are committed to coordinate with Algeria. With the neighboring countries, we work to reach a solution that preserves this country and enables it recover its stability."

The Minister said there is "convergence of views between Saudi Arabia and Algeria with regard to the challenges the region is confronting."

The meeting also focused on "matters of common interest", according to the Saudi minister. The "bilateral relations must be increased for further progress and coordination"

Prince Faisal bin Farhan transmitted "the greetings of the Custodian of the Holy Places, and of the Crown Prince to President Tebboune and to the brotherly Algerian people".

Hassan Rabehi installed as Deputy Secretary General of Arab League

ALGIERS - Hassan Rabehi was installed on Monday as Deputy Secretary General of the Arab League by the League's Secretary General, Ahmed Aboul Gheit.

Rabehi has held several high positions in Algeria, the last being Minister of Communication, Government spokesman.

He was also Algeria's ambassador to Ghana and the People's Republic of China, before taking up the post of Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

MISCELLANEOUS

Foreign press accredited in Algeria provided with “all necessary conditions”

ALGIERS - The representatives of foreign press accredited in Algeria are provided with “all conditions” to fulfill their mission, Minister of Communication and Government Spokesperson Ammar Belhimer said Tuesday.

“Algeria offers all facilities to foreign media correspondents so that they fulfill their mission in accordance with the rules of ethics and deontology,” said Belhimer at the hand-over ceremony of accreditations to representatives of foreign media accredited in Algeria.

On this occasion, the minister sent “encouragements” to the national press which fulfills its missions “in difficult conditions” due to the coronavirus pandemic, notably “in terms of traffic and separation from families and media headquarters.”

Fifty foreign media representatives received their accreditation or renewed them, including BBC Radio, AFP press agency, Reuters news agency, Associated Press, Xinhua News Agency, Vietnamese AVI as well as Al-Arabiya, Al-Horra, Al-Hadath and El-Ghad TV channels.

Former lawyer of FLN Gisèle Halimi passes away

PARIS - Gisèle Halimi, famous lawyer and intellectual and one of the fervent defenders of the national cause during the Algerian Liberation War, died Tuesday in Paris aged 93, her family announced.

Champion of women’s right and one of the signatories of the famous manifesto of 343 women publicly claiming to have had an abortion, she had defended, in 1960, Djamila Boupacha, activist of the National Liberation Front (FLN). Halimi wrote a biographical account of Boupacha.

Alterglobalist, she was member of the 1998 team that created the ATTAC organization (Association for the Taxation of Financial Transactions and for Citizens' Action).

Alongside her career as a lawyer, Gisèle Halimi was a writer.

He wrote 15 books, including "Djamila Boupacha" (1962) and a more intimate work like "Fritna", on her mother (1999).

She was mother of three sons, among them Serge Halimi, editorial director of monthly *Le Monde diplomatique*. She said that she would have liked to have daughter to "test" her feminist commitment.