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DOMESTIC NEWS

President Tebboune receives initiators of “National Forces of Reform” Collective

ALGIERS - President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune received Sunday in Algiers the initiators of the Collective of “National Forces of Reform”, created recently by political parties, associations and national organizations.

Formed on 11 August, this Collective is composed of representatives of political parties, associations, unions, economic organizations and figures.

According to its initiators, “the Collective seeks to bring about real far-reaching reforms that reflect the popular will for change.”

Goujil receives copy of Annual Report on Human Rights 2019

ALGIERS - Acting President of the Council of Nation, Salah Goujil received Monday in Algiers, President of the National Council for Human Rights, Bouzid Lazhari, who gave him a copy of the annual report on human rights in Algeria for the year 2019, said the Council of Nation said in a statement.

"Acting president of the Council of the Nation, Salah Goujil received Monday at the Council's headquarters, the president of the National Council for Human Rights who gave him a copy of the annual report on human rights in Algeria for the year 2019, pursuant Article 199 of the constitution," said the source.

Zeghmami chairs 1st ordinary session of Higher Judicial Council

ALGIERS - Minister of Justice, Vice-President of Higher Judicial Council, Belkacem Zeghmami, chaired on Monday in Algiers the first ordinary session of this body, with authorization President of the Republic, President of the Higher Judicial Council, Abdelmadjid Tebboune, according to the communiqué.

"Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and in accordance with the organic law on the status of the judiciary and the organic law establishing the composition, functioning and powers of the Higher Judicial Council, Minister of Justice, Vice-President of the Higher Council of Judiciary, chaired on Monday 17 August 2020, the 1st ordinary session of the Higher Judicial Council, after the authorization of President of the Republic, Abdelmadjid Tebboune," said the same source.

After adoption of the agenda of the session, presented in accordance with Article 45 of the Rules of Procedure, the Council examined and approved the appointment of two judges in accordance with the provisions of Article 3 of the Statute of the Judiciary, examined and approved requests for lay-off, approved secondments for eight judges and end of secondment for four others.

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The Council also approved the appointment of judges to specific judicial posts in the courts attached to the Court of Algiers and in the court of Chéraga attached to the Court of Tipaza, in accordance with the provisions of article 50 of Organic Law 04-11 of 6 September 2004 on the status of the judiciary.

This appointment concerned 47 judges, according to the communiqué.
At the end of the proceedings, the Higher Council Judiciary decided to leave the session open.

High Judicial Council called to enshrine justice independence in next constitution revision

ALGIERS - The High Judicial Council is called to “enshrine the independence of justice,” thanks to the role that will be attributed to it in the next constitutional revision, affirmed Monday Minister of Justice Belkacem Zeghmati.

Zeghmati who spoke at the opening of the first session of the High Judicial Council for 2020, whose works he chaired on behalf of President of the Republic, the Council’s chairman, underlined that “this meeting comes at a moment when a lot is said about this important constitutional institution, called to enshrine the independence of the justice, thanks to the role and mission that will be attributed to it in the next Constitution.”

In this respect, the minister pointed out that the High Judicial Council “will remain the highest judicial power body and the first entitled to ensure the management and follow-up of the magistrates’ career,” thanks to the new approach provided for by the provisions of the Constitution amendment.

He also said that the Council “will remain the first guarantor of rights and freedoms and of the supremacy of the law.”

In view of the weight of this constitutional institution, said the minister, “it is normal that it arouses as many debates and exchange of views among the specialists interested in the country’s public affairs.”

It was an opportunity for the minister to broach the human component, the organization chart and the management mode of the Council, subject of a number of proposals included in the draft constitutional amendment.

Launch of National Memory Program, step towards establishment of “new Republic”

ALGIERS - Director General of the National Archives and adviser of President of the Republic in charge of National Archives and Memory Abdelmadjid Chikhi announced Monday, in Algiers, the launch of the National Memory Program which is meant to be an “essential element in the formation of a good citizen and a step towards the establishment of a new Republic.”

Supervising the works of a seminar held at the headquarters of the Ministry of Interior and Local Authorities, in the presence of directors of the provinces’ sectors, representatives of the local authorities and associations of the civil society, Chikhi underlined that the program of the national memory is “a lengthy process that is not related to a specific anniversary or national

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event,” underlining that “the national memory is an essential element for the formation of a responsible citizen.”

“The establishment of a new Republic is not obvious because it requires collective efforts in several sectors where history must find a way to reach the citizen,” said Chikhi, who added that this depends on raising awareness about the historic value of our Algerian heritage.”

With the official announcement of the launch of the National Memory Program, he added, “consultations will begin at the local and central levels in order to develop a roadmap for the launch of this operation with the participation of 12 ministerial sectors, in addition to associations of the civil society.”

In this regard, he said that the work “on the National Memory Program will be difficult,” underscoring that with “the contribution of all the sectors and associations of the civil society, we will be able to reach satisfactory results in a short time.”

This program includes notably the sectors that are in direct contact with the public, like national education, higher education and vocational training, as well as tourism and religious affairs.

In this regard, Chikhi insisted on the important role of the religious speech and of mosques in the rooting of the national memory by adopting a simple and clear speech, in addition to associations and civil society which are more rooted in the society.

Human rights in Algeria: Lazhari presents annual report to Lower House speaker

ALGIERS - Speaker of the People’s National Assembly Slimane Chenine received Monday, in Algiers, Chairman of the National Human Rights Council Bouzid Lazhari who submitted to him the annual report on the situation of human rights in Algeria for 2019.

The submission of the report comes in accordance with the article 199 of the Constitution which stipulates that “the Council develops an annual report that he addresses to the President of the Republic, Parliament and Prime minister, and that he also makes public.”

Lazhari was received at the end of July by President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune to whom he also handed over a report based mainly on authentic “Hirak” which claimed human rights, transparent elections and eradication of dirty money.”

ECONOMIC NEWS

Hydrocarbons: Sonatrach, Wintershall Dea seal MoU

ALGIERS - The national hydrocarbons group Sonatrach and its partner Wintershall Dea have sealed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in order to examine cooperation opportunities in the fields of exploration, development and production of hydrocarbons in Algeria and abroad, announced Sonatrach Monday in a communiqué.

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The MoU seeks to enhance the partnership between Sonatrach and Wintershall Dea by searching for new cooperation opportunities, said the source.

Wintershall Dea has been present in Algeria since 2002. It participated in the development of the Reggane Nord project since it started in 2017, recalled the source.

Industry Minister appoints Messaoud Zemmouri CEO of public group Divindus

ALGIERS - Minister of Industry Ferhat Ali Braham appointed Messaoud Zemmouri Chief Executive Officer of the public industrial group Divindus, replacing Nacer Chareb, said Monday a communiqué of the ministry.

This appointment comes following the holding of the group's extraordinary general assembly, chaired by Secretary General of the Ministry Mohamed Bouchama, on delegation of minister of Industry and the group's board of directors said the source.

Bouchama chaired the official installation of the new CEO of Divindus, said the source, adding that this change is part of the policy aimed at giving a fresh impetus to the public industrial sector."

FOREIGN POLICY NEWS

Taleb Omar commends Algeria's "honourable stances" on Sahrawi cause

ALGIERS - The Ambassador of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) to Algeria Abdelkader Taleb Omar on Sunday commended the principle stance of the political class in Algeria on the Sahrawi cause under "the duty of neighbourhood and brotherhood" and UN charters.

Speaking at an audience granted to him by Leader of El-Bina Movement Abdelkader Bengrina at the headquarters of his party, the Sahrawi diplomat thanked "the Movement and the political class in Algeria for the national consensus and support to the right of the Sahrawi people to self-determination."

"My meetings with the Algerian parties are part of strengthening contacts in order to inform them of the developments of the situation in the Sahrawi occupied territories," said the source.

Taleb Omar also hailed the honourable positions of Algeria in favour of the Sahrawi cause, "which stems from the duty of neighbourhood and brotherhood and in accordance with the charters of the United Nations (UN) on the rights of refugees."

After warning against the obstacles posed by the Moroccan regime and the deadlock, Taleb Omar denounced "the silence of the United Nations and the MINURSO in the face of the events that occur in the occupied territories."

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The Sahrawi diplomat also referred to the “the disinformation practiced by the Moroccan regime and its lies about Algeria, a country that supports international legitimacy for decolonization.”

MISCELLANEOUS

CULTURE

Towards a virtual version of International Book Fair of Algiers

ALGIERS - The Ministry of Culture and Arts intends to hold a virtual version of the International Book Fair of Algiers (SILA) under measures to prevent the propagation of the corona virus, told APS the Director of Book Office at the Ministry Djamel Foughali.

The decision to hold a 25th virtual edition was taken in consultation with representatives of Algerian publishers and officials of the Book Office at the Ministry of Culture and Arts in view of "the impossibility of holding this event which attracts more than one million visitors per year in this exceptional period of pandemic," explained Djamel Foughali.

The virtual version of SILA, which is not yet finalized, should include meetings, debates and other roundtables using new technologies and social networks while a project for an online sales platform is also "conceivable" in partnership with professionals in this field and Algerian and foreign publishing houses accustomed to the event.

Foughali also referred to the adoption of "special measures to preserve and boost the book industry in Algeria in this exceptional period" without giving more details.

Several local book events and fairs in the country will be held once the situation improves, he said.

SPORT

Algeria to organize Arab Badminton Championships 2021

ALGIERS - Algeria will organize the 2021 Arab Badminton Championships (seniors/men), a decision taken by the Arab Badminton Federation on the occasion of its ordinary general assembly, held last weekend, said the Arab body on its Facebook page.

For its part, Saudi Arabia will organize the Arab Championships for less than 19, while Kuwait will host the U13, U15 and U17 Arab Championships.

Concerning the Arab Para-badminton Championships will take place in a country that hasn't been designated “between Bahrain and United Arab Emirates,” said the source.

Fourteen nations participated in this ordinary general assembly, held for the first time via videoconference, namely: Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Lebanon, Tunisia, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Palestine, Sudan, Libya and Syria, while three other countries were absent, namely Morocco, Djibouti and Mauritania.

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COMMUNICATION

Internet: Algérie Télécom lowers prices, launches Young Entrepreneurs' Pack

ALGIERS - Minister of Post and Telecommunications, Brahim Boumzar, announced on Monday in Algiers a reduction by Algérie Télécom, of up to 50%, of its very high speed Internet ADSL, and the launch of the Young Entrepreneurs' Pack at an "attractive" price.

This pack, from which micro-enterprises, VSEs, liberal professions and craftsmen will also be able to benefit, consists of a very high-speed internet connection and a fixed telephone line. It also offers free and unlimited telephone calls as well as discounts on hosting services, website design but also the possibility to have an IP address.