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DOMESTIC NEWS

President Tebboune extends condolences to mujahed Belaid Abdesselam's family

ALGIERS - President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune on Saturday sent to the family of mujahed (national liberation war veteran) and former head of government, Belaid Abdesselam, died at the age of 92, a message of condolence and compassion, in which he praised his long history of activism in the national movement, during the glorious war of liberation (1954-1962), and his work in the service of independent Algeria, the presidency of the Republic said in a statement.

"Following the death of the late mujahed and former head of Government, Belaid Abdesselam, President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune sent a message of condolence and compassion to the family of the deceased, his relatives and fellow mujahideen (war veterans), in which he praised his long history of activism in the national movement, during the glorious war of liberation, and his work in the service of independent Algeria," the statement said.

"In his message, the president of the Republic expressed his sincere condolences and compassion, praying to God the Almighty to welcome the deceased to his vast Paradise and give his family strength and fortitude."

Two servicemen killed in homemade bomb blast in Medea

ALGIERS - Two military servicemen were killed as martyrs in the explosion of a homemade bomb Saturday, as Army detachments were combing an area in the province of Medea, the ministry of National defence said Sunday in a statement.

"During a combing operation carried out by detachments of the People's National Army in Oued El Takouk, commune of Ain Dalia, province of Medea (1st military region), and following the explosion of a homemade bomb, two servicemen were killed as martyrs last night, 27 June 2020, namely Captain Bensmail Fateh and Master Corporal Khaldi Zakaria," the statement said.

"As a result of this despicable act, the Army detachments have strengthened the security measures, and are carrying on the operation," the statement added.

On this painful occasion, General-Major Said Chanegriha, the acting chief of Staff of the People's National Army "sends his heartfelt condolences to the families and relatives of the two martyrs."

The People's National Army "will continue its efforts, without respite and with firmness and perseverance, to track down these criminals and neutralize them wherever they are throughout the national territory."

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Covid-19: President Tebboune instructs Prime minister to study measures to break infection chain

ALGIERS - President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune instructed Sunday Prime minister to study measures to take with the scientific committee for monitoring the progress of corona virus pandemic to decide on the actions to be taken in the next few days to break the chain of infection.

Chairing the meeting of the Council of ministers, President Tebboune underlined with bitterness the behaviours of some citizens who make people believe that Covid-19 is just a myth with political purposes, expressing his astonishment at such irresponsibility while thousands of deaths are everyday reported worldwide, including the most developed countries, said the communiqué of the Council of ministers.

President of the Republic ordered to “harden sanctions against all those who contravene, individually or collectively, the prevention measures,” instructing Prime minister to “study the measures to take with the scientific committee for monitoring the progress of corona virus pandemic to decide on the action to be taken in the next few days to break the chain of infection and contain its sources.”

President of the Republic has once again asked minister of Health, Population and Hospital Reform to “resort to the plane made available to his department in order to be immediately and at any time on site to check the information relating to the real or fake inadequacies published here and there, in order to reassure citizens and to cut rumors and other false information off.”

After instructing minister of Health to “establish infection statistics in every province and to deal with them with further realism,” President of the Republic pointed out that “the fight against the pandemic is a collective responsibility (State, institutions, civil society and individuals) throughout the national territory because it is a matter of, he added, preserving the citizen’s life and integrity.”

In this regard, President of the Republic ordered the strengthening of the epidemiological surveillance as well as the daily control of the functioning of hospitals and of the screening equipment stock.

He also ordered to “keep land, sea and air borders closed until God frees us from this scourge”, said the communiqué.

Previously, the Council of ministers followed the contribution of the minister of Health who broached the progress of the health situation in the country, in all its aspects, in the light of the fresh outbreak of the pandemic worldwide.

President Tebboune: Algeria racing to build non-rent economy

ALGIERS – Algeria is racing to build a non-rent economy which would boost the revenues of the public treasury and create jobs, President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune, said Sunday during a Council of Ministers meeting.

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“We are in a real race against the clock to build a non-rent economy that would improve Treasury revenues, create jobs for young people and reduce imports to preserve foreign exchange reserves,” the president of the Republic said, speaking to the members of the Government.

The Algerian "people will judge you based on the conformity of your words and deeds, so be an example of sincerity, dedication and selflessness, and on the eve of the Independence Day celebrations, always remember that whatever your sacrifices are, they will always be less than any drop of pure bloodshed by the martyrs of the Glorious Liberation War and even of national duty after independence," he said.

Referring to the scope of the latest cabinet reshuffle with the creation of major ministries directly linked to citizens' daily life, President Tebboune instructed a number of ministers to prepare roadmap and submit it for examination.

In this regard, the Head of the State instructed the minister of Agriculture and Rural Development to prepare the specifications for the Office for the Development of Industrial Agriculture in Saharan lands. Algeria plans to start, next year, the cultivation of corn, sugar and oilseed crops in order to increase national agricultural capacities and guarantee food security.

The Minister of Transport has been instructed to review transport sectors, in all its forms, by optimizing all the means available to boost domestic air traffic, and allow Algeria to regain its righteous place in the field of maritime transport.

The maritime fleet needs to be reinforced with a view to ensuring the transport of passengers and goods, from and to Algeria, previously ensured by foreign companies and cost huge amounts of money, said a communiqué of the Council of Ministers.

In addition, the Minister of Energy Transition and Renewable Energies has been instructed to focus, in his program, on renewable energy production operations capable of being implemented on the ground and to choose pilot provinces for the generalization of solar energy fueled public lighting across the country.

Blood donation campaign launched in Algiers

ALGIERS - A blood donation campaign has been launched Sunday by the National Office for Cleaning (ONA) and the National Blood Agency (ANS), in order to meet hospitals' needs in this vital matter which was "increasingly lacking" during lockdown period.

In a statement to APS, the ONA official for communication Meriem Ouyahia said that this "campaign launched today doesn't concern only the staff of the ONA but it is open to all the citizens willing to donate their blood to address the increasing lack suffered by hospitals in recent months."

Since the outbreak of the Coronavirus pandemic, hospitals nationwide suffered from shortages in blood, because of the fear of some citizens of possible contamination with Coronavirus, despite

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preventive health measures taken by hospitals and fixed and mobile blood transfusion centers, she added.

In such critical situation due to the pandemic, a significant number of patients, especially children, need this vital material, she underlined. The blood bags collected during this one-day operation will be intended for the Samir Zemirli hospital (El-Harrach), said Ouyahia.

This solidarity initiative aims to encourage citizens to continue to donate their blood, despite the pandemic, in order to save human lives, Ouyahia said.

ECONOMIC NEWS

Algeria looks to produce locally 70% of drug needs

ALGIERS - Minister for pharmaceutical industry Lotfi Benbahmed on Sunday in Algiers underlined the need for promoting local production of drugs in order to cover the country's needs within two years and thus reduce import bill.

"We are ambitioning to develop the domestic production by supporting local industrialists and removing the various constraints that block projects. We eye to reach the objective of covering 70% of our needs in drugs, within two years," the minister told *Le Soir d'Algérie* paper.

According to the minister, local industrialists face many constraints, notably bureaucratic ones leading to delay in registration. Recalling that production units were "blocked due to administrative decisions," he underlined the ministry's efforts to ease certain administrative obstacles.

The creation of the pharmaceutical industry ministry will allow to better address the various issues facing the emergence and the development of domestic production of drugs, he said.

FOREIGN POLICY NEWS

HCI takes part Monday in international colloquium on Palestine

ALGIERS - The High Islamic Council (HCI) will take part Monday in an international colloquium, by video conference, that will be organized under the slogan "All with against occupation," said HCI on Sunday.

This colloquium will focus on "major challenges and risks facing the Palestinian cause, because of the so-called American plan –deal of the century-," said the source.

The colloquium will also be an opportunity "to mobilize efforts likely to preserve the Saint Land from the colonization plans of the Israeli occupation, notably after the threats of annexation of the West Bank," added the source.

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Libyan crisis settlement: Growing convergence of views on political solution

ALGIERS - The tendency to the convergence of views on a political solution to Libya's crisis is growing at the regional and international levels as the diplomatic efforts are intensified to restore peace in this country in the grip of violence since 2011.

The last sign of convergence on a political process in Libya was when Chairman of the Presidential Council of Libya's Government of National Accord (GNA) Fayez Al-Sarraj and special representative and acting chief of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) Stephanie Williams broached in their meeting Saturday, in Rome, the latest developments of the situation in Libya and UN efforts to resume the political process there.

The two officials expressed their agreement on the need to resume the political process in Libya "on the basis of the conclusions of the Berlin Conference and the resolution 2510 of the Council of Security in order to reach a comprehensive settlement in Libya likely to preserve this country's sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and unity," said a communiqué of GNA.

Al-Sarraj who held talks with Giuseppe Conte emphasized "the impossibility of resolving militarily the Libyan crisis," stressing the need to "work on political path which ensures the stability in accordance with the Security Council resolutions and the results of the Berlin Conference."

In this respect, the European Union has once again underlined its attachment to the settlement of the Libyan crisis as part of "the process conducted by the United Nations" and following the recommendations of the Berlin Conference on Libya.

UNSMIL pointed out that a "political solution" to the Libyan crisis remains within easy reach and that it remains "as always," ready to organize a full open political process and led by the Libyans."

UNSMIL calls on the Libyan sides to engage rapidly and constructively talks of the joint military Commission to reach a lasting ceasefire agreement.

The African Union Commissioner for Peace and Security Smail Chergui affirmed last week that "AU supports and encourages any initiative based on dialogue and national reconciliation for a lasting solution to the crisis."

In this regard, he said that the Algerian initiative for the settlement of the crisis in Libya, given its membership in the High Level Committee as well as AU Contact Group on Libya, "has all elements of success."

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MISCELLANEOUS

CULTURE

Tribute to painter Bettina Heinen Ayach

ALGIERS - A vibrant tribute was paid to German painter, Bettina Heinen-Ayach, who died on June 7 at the age of 82, by Algerian ambassador in Berlin, Nor-Eddine Aouam, who greeted the memory of an artist "whose work mirrors the fusional link she has forged with Algeria and its people".

In a message of condolence to the family, the ambassador noted the artistic value of Bettina Heinen-Ayach's paintings, "watercolors with colors shimmering and full of light, like Algeria to which she is deeply attached," immortalizing the region of Guelma where she lived for a long time with her late husband Abdelhamid Ayach.

Born in 1937 in Solingen, Germany, Bettina Heinen-Ayach trained at the School of Fine Arts in Cologne before continuing her studies in countries like Sweden, Switzerland and Norway and exhibits her first works in 1955. She settles in Guelma, hometown of her husband in 1963.

In 1968, Bettina Heinen-Ayach's first works were purchased by the National Museum of Fine Arts in Algiers, and in 1976 she received the Grand Prize from the city of Algiers.

In 1992, a retrospective with 120 of her paintings was exhibited at the National Museum of Fine Arts in Algiers before being awarded the cultural prize of the Solingen Community Foundation in Baden, one year later.

In 2004, a second major retrospective of her works was presented in Algiers.

In 2018, Bettina Heinen-Ayach's works were presented in around one hundred individual and group exhibitions in Europe, in America and Africa.