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### **DOMESTIC NEWS**

#### **Electronic press: Executive decree in enrichment**

*ALGIERS* - Minister of Communication, Government Spokesman, Ammar Belhimer reported on an executive decree governing the electronic press, currently being enriched by the sectors concerned for advice on substance and form before its presentation to the Government Council for approval.

In an interview with the electronic newspaper El Khabar Presse, Belhimer explained that this is an executive decree on how to exercise the activity of information on the Internet and the dissemination of responses and corrections on the website.

The enrichment of this law has already begun through its communication to the sectors concerned for opinions and comments on the form and substance, he said, adding that once finalized, it will be presented to the Council of Government for approval.

To a question on the "domiciliation" of electronic sites, the minister explained that the term used is "Algerianization" of broadcasting and publication sites, like television channels, adding that these sites are supposed to operate from Algeria according to the legislation governing the activity of media active on the Internet.

He noted, moreover, that the domiciliation aims to regulate the activity of these sites in accordance with Algerian law, which will, he said, stop the mad rush behind the money or the transfer of capital by illegal ways and means.

Regarding the mechanisms to allow the electronic press to benefit from public advertising, Belhimer said that after the publication of the text of law relating to the electronic press, it will be the criteria for electronic advertising to be defined.

Specifying that these criteria will not be different, from the point of view of reference and general principles, those applicable to the "paper" press, the Minister of Communication said that this component will be clearly defined by the law on advertising, "one of the most important work in the sector," he concluded.

#### **President Tebboune stresses need to fight criminal gangs in neighborhoods**

*ALGIERS* - President of the Republic, Abdelmadjid Tebboune, stressed on Sunday the need to fight relentlessly against the phenomenon of criminal gangs in neighborhoods, while excluding convicted members of these gangs from pardon procedures.

The President of the Republic, who chaired a meeting of the Council of Ministers via a video-conference, ordered to "fight relentlessly against the phenomenon of criminal gangs in neighborhoods that have experienced a surge in recent years, especially in large cities due to the weakness of state authority."

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The president also ordered to "prohibit the import, sale, possession, use or manufacture of knives, swords and daggers, intended for neighborhood gangs and to exclude convicted members of these gangs from pardon procedures."

In this regard, the President of the Republic gave instructions to intensify the work of the National Committee and the local sub-committee created within the framework of the said draft ordinance submitted for debate, while involving civil society in the fight against this crime, which is punishable by proposed sentences ranging from five years to life in the case of homicide, with a fine of up to DZD2 million.

The President of the Republic has also instructed the Minister of Justice, to draft a law against kidnapping to protect the safety of citizens and their children.

Regarding the amendment of the Code of Criminal Procedure, President Tebboune welcomed "the provisions contained in this project aimed at promoting criminal justice through the creation of two new economic and financial centers, in view of the complex nature of crime and its changes that require the adaptation of means and mechanisms to combat it.

### **President Tebboune conducts partial reshuffle among Walis, Walis delegates**

*ALGIERS* - President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune on Monday conducted a partial reshuffle among Walis (Governors) and Walis Delegates under which the functions of eight (8) Walis and six (6) Walis delegates were terminated, while 17 Walis and 14 Walis delegates were appointed, the Presidency of the Republic said in a statement.

## **ECONOMIC NEWS**

### **First international digital show of trade, marketing, domestic products opens mid-September**

*ALGIERS* - Andalus Trade, Show, Exhibits and Events (TSEE) is organizing the first international digital show of trade, marketing and national products in Algeria on September 13-27, with the participation of Algerian and Foreign operators, the firm said Monday in a statement.

It is the first digital show in Algeria to be managed by this firm, which tends to make a new start for the digital exhibition of products, said the event's organizer, Abderraouf Mounir Doudi.

Doudi added that the registration on the platform of the show will be free.

To run over 15 days, the show will display the products and services of several companies from different countries, including the United States, United Kingdom, Jordan and China, in addition to national operators.

"We will contribute to the new national development through the diversification of Algerian commercial sources," Doudi said.

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To register free of charge on the platform, the firm has made available to those wishing to participate the following email addresses: [expo@andalus-tsee.com](mailto:expo@andalus-tsee.com) or [andalus.tsee@gmail.com](mailto:andalus.tsee@gmail.com).

### **Foreign trade: Towards specialization of imports**

*ALGIERS* - Trade Minister Kamel Rezig on Monday said that his sector was working on the specialization of imports by obliging foreign trade operators to import only one type of products.

This specialization will lead to a better organization of foreign trade under the new sectoral approach that will require importers to specialize in specific families of products, which will be listed in their Trade Register, said Rezig on the occasion of the inauguration of the new headquarters of the National Association of Traders and Craftsmen (ANCA) at the Algiers Exhibition Place.

Locally manufactured products will not be imported except when it comes to support for the local market, but in limited volumes and in case demand is not met.

Regarding the list of products prohibited for export, the minister said that this ban was linked to the health situation in the country, ensuring that the sector encourages exports but not that of products that are lacking in the local market.

This list can be modified and the products prohibited for export are subsidized products, garlic, masks and hydro-alcoholic gel, that is to say basic needs for the citizen, he continued.

In a statement to the press, the minister referred to the current development of a roadmap for marketing and storage operations.

The activities of the Algerian Company of Fairs and Exports (Safex) are expected to resume soon under a rigorous healthcare protocol, announced the minister.

## **FOREIGN POLICY NEWS**

### **Boukadoum on official visit to Turkey Tuesday**

*ALGIERS* - Foreign Minister, Sabri Boukadoum, will pay on Tuesday an official visit to Turkey, said the Foreign Affairs Ministry in a communiqué.

This visit, which falls within the framework of bilateral relations, will be an opportunity for both parties to "make an assessment of the state of Algerian-Turkish cooperation and an exchange of views on regional and international issues of common interest," the same source said.

### **Boukadoum partakes by videoconference in European Forum Alpbach**

*ALGIERS* - Foreign Minister Sabri Boukadoum partook in the European forum Alpbach themed "For a World Free of Nuclear Testing," announced Monday the Foreign Ministry in a communiqué.

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Former President of the Republic of Finland Tarja Halonen and Executive Secretary of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) Lassina Zerbo attended the forum held by videoconference on 28 August 2020, said the source.

Speaking on this occasion, Boukadoum emphasized “Algeria’s commitment to a rapid implementation of the CTBTO, a mechanism that represents a major achievement for nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, and the preservation and international peace and security.”

The FM referred to the “heavy consequences of the nuclear tests carried out in Algeria during the colonial era on its people.”

Algeria “is convinced that a total elimination of nuclear weapons is the only and last solution to face the dangers of these abominable weapons for humanity,” he continued.

Boukadoum reiterated the commitment of Algeria, which co-chairs alongside Germany the 11<sup>th</sup> Conference on Article XIV of the CTBTO, to “spare no effort to ensure the entry into force of this legal mechanism.”

In the same vein, he welcomed the efforts undertaken by the two Co-Chairs for the implementation of the ambitious 2020-2021 program focused on “mobilizing youth to save humanity from the apocalyptic effects of nuclear testing.”

The Minister of Foreign Affairs ended his speech by expressing the hope that “the logic behind the prohibition of other weapons of mass destruction (WMD) will soon prevail over nuclear weapons, the only WMD that are still not banned.”

The participants welcomed “the commitment of Algeria and the efforts it continues to make under its co-presidency of the 11<sup>th</sup> Conference on Article 14 of the CTBTO which will obviously pave the way for a world free of nuclear tests and free of their catastrophic effects.

### **Jijel: Ship loaded with 7,000 tons of construction materials heads to Lebanon**

*JIJEL* - A ship loaded with 7,000 tons of construction materials set sail Monday from the port of Djen Djen (Jijel) for Lebanon as part of an operation of solidarity with this country following the Beirut blast.

Minister of National Solidarity, Family and Women's Affairs Kaoutar Krikou, the Minister of Industry Ferhat Aït Ali Braham and Lebanon’s Ambassador to Algiers Mohamed Hassan attended the event.

These 7,000 tons of construction materials (6,000 tons of cement and 1,000 tons of plaster) are part of “the series of aid provided by Algeria to Lebanon following the explosion that occurred on August 4 at the port of Beirut,” said Krikou.

The Minister of Industry Ferhat Aït Ali Braham said that the Stidia ship carries a load of construction materials from several public and private industrial groups to “rebuild what can be rebuilt in Beirut in particular and in Lebanon in general.”

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“Algeria’s various solidarity initiatives reflect the values and spirit of solidarity of the Algerian people towards the friendly and brotherly countries,” he continued.

Lebanon's ambassador to Algiers Mohamed Hassan welcomed the outpouring of solidarity shown by Algeria towards his country during this "difficult" period, and paid tribute to the Algerian state and people for these initiatives.

"Algeria is among the first countries to have sent various aids to Lebanon", he continued.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Bad weather causes power outages, building collapse in Adrar**

*ADRAR* (Algeria) - The climate disruption in the province of Adrar (1543 km south of Algiers) Sunday evening led to power cut in Sali and Reggane, and a partial collapse of two buildings in Timimoun, the gas and electricity company Sonelgaz reported Monday.

Strong gusts of wind caused the fall of two pylons of the Reggane-Aoulef railway power transmission line, leading to electricity outages in the communes of Sali and Reggane, in the province's south, a source said.

In addition, the heavy rain in the sub-province Timimoun, in the north of Adrar, led to the partial collapse of two houses, the obstruction of the sewer line near the Gourara hotel and the formation of water pools along the streets of Timimoun.

According to the same source, human and material resources from the Electricity Transmission System Management Corporation and the Distribution Corporation’s response team have been mobilized and are working to restore electricity.

In the town of Timimoun, a team has been set up to assess the damage in the ksour (ancient fortified villages) and neighborhoods to assess the damage caused by the bad weather and take the appropriate actions, according to priorities.