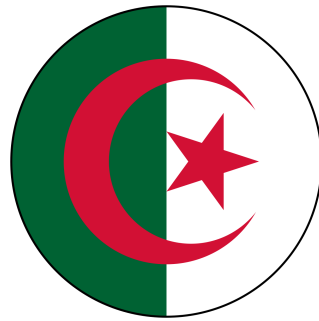


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DOMESTIC NEWS

President Tebboune chairs Council of Ministers meeting Sunday

ALGIERS - The Council of Ministers will hold Sunday morning its periodic meeting under the chairmanship of the president of the Republic, commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces and minister of the National Defence, Abdelmadjid Tebboune, the presidency of the Republic said Saturday in a statement.

"The Council of Ministers will hold Sunday morning, 28 June 2020, its periodic meeting under the presidency of Mr. Abdelmadjid Tebboune, president of the Republic, commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces and minister of the National Defence," the statement said.

At the meeting, the Council "will consider many reports relating to the energy, public works and health sectors," the statement concluded.

Samir Chaabna no more part of Government

ALGIERS - By the decision of President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune, the appointment of Samir Chaabna as deputy minister for National Community Abroad has been cancelled and, therefore, is no longer part of the Government, the Prime Minister's office said Saturday in a statement.

"In the ministerial reshuffle of 23 June 2020, Samir Chaabana, member of the National People's Assembly (lower house of Parliament), was appointed deputy minister for the National Community abroad," the statement said.

"During the consultations for the formation of the government, Samir Chaabana accepted the portfolio of deputy minister for National Community Abroad without declaring his dual nationality."

"Samir Chaabna was asked to comply with the provisions of Law No. 17-01 of 10 January 2017, setting the list of senior State positions and political posts whose access requires exclusive Algerian nationality and renouncing foreign nationalities."

"Faced with his refusal and on the decision of President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune, his appointment as deputy minister for National Community Abroad is cancelled and, therefore, Samir Chaabna is no longer part of the Government," the statement concluded.

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Former Prime Minister Belaïd Abdessalam passes away

ALGIERS - War veteran and former Prime Minister Bélaïd Abdessalam passed away at the age of 92, the Ministry of Mujahedeen said Saturday.

Born in 1928 in the province of Setif, the deceased was one of the leading activists in the national movement. He also was one of the founding members of the Association of Muslim Students in North Africa (1951-1953) as well as a founding member of the Union of Algerian Muslim Students in 1953.

Late Belaïd Abdessalam joined the revolution in 1955 and took part, along with a group of students, in the foundation of the General Union of the Algerian Muslim Students (UGEMA), thus contributing to the launch of the student strike call on May 19, 1956.

He then joined the Revolutionary Command in the West base where several missions were entrusted to him.

In 1958, the deceased was assigned several missions within the Provisional Government, as assistant to the minister of social and cultural affairs, before being appointed in 1961 as a collaborator in the GPRA Cabinet.

Just after cease-fire, Abdessalam was appointed in charge of Economic Affairs.

After independence, Belaïd Abdessalam held senior positions with the State. He was head of the Algerian delegation in the Algerian-French Hydrocarbon agreements, Director General (DG) of Sonatrach (1964-1965), Minister of Industry and Energy (1965-1977), ministers of light industries (1977-1979), and finally head of government (1992-1993).

The deceased wrote several articles in political, economic and historical journals.

Education reform: Unions to have their "say"

ALGIERS - Minister of National Education Mohamed Ouadjaout has stressed on Saturday in Algiers that the sector's unions will have "their say" in the diagnosis and assessment meetings on the education reform methodology, planned soon.

These meetings will bring together all the actors involved in the implementation of education syllabuses.

During a meeting with delegates of eight newly-authorized unions, Ouadjaout said that the ministry "aims for an effective participation (of all) in the elaboration of a new education system."

Such diversity represents, for us, "assets capable of enlarging the debate and allows us to build a unifying and consensual educational system," the minister said.

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The assessment meetings on the education reform will also involve university teachers, officials from higher education and training sectors, and economic, industrial, cultural and social organization, he added.

The meetings on the education system will "initiate a national inclusive dialogue," said the minister.

Through this approach, the ministry intends to make a common diagnosis of the current situation of School in Algeria, identify its strengths and weaknesses, and therefore table opinions, proposals and a vision of the School to which we aspire, while taking advantage of the most important successful approaches on education reform.

"Today, we must take on a historic responsibility which is to work with partners in order to set the appropriate conditions, to revive the Algerian School, by improving and upgrading the education system, in tune with the requirements of the sustainable development," said the minister, speaking to union representatives.

ECONOMIC NEWS

Trade: Need to rehabilitate Competition Council

ALGIERS - The Competition Council has made several proposals to "rehabilitate" its and its missions in order to ensure effective application of competition and transparency rules in all commercial and economic activities in Algeria.

In a document entitled "call for the rehabilitation of competition in Algeria", a copy of which was sent to APS, the Council, chaired by Amara Zitouni made several proposals to "allow this body to have effective application of the rules of competition and transparency in all economic activities."

Among these proposals, the Council called for the drafting of bill to implement the provisions of Article 43 of the Constitution. This Article includes five principles relating to competition, namely the prohibition of monopoly and unfair competition, non-discrimination between companies with regard to state aid, market regulation and consumer rights.

"This rehabilitation intends to restore the Council's place and ensure its sustainability, as well as guarantee its independence in decision-making far from any pressure, especially from the business community (lobbies)," said the source.

In this regard, the Council recalled "constitutional legitimization" of the Council as an authority responsible for ensuring economic public order through market regulation.

Its rehabilitation is likely to strengthen its legal status, independence and responsibility to stabilize the legal framework governing competition.

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FOREIGN POLICY NEWS

President Tebboune holds phone talk with French counterpart

ALGIERS - President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune on Saturday had a telephone conversation with his French counterpart, Emanuel Macron, the presidency said in a statement.

"The meeting took place in an atmosphere of perfect cordiality and shared friendship, and allowed the two presidents to review bilateral relations, to agree to resume contacts at the highest level and relaunch cooperation in all areas," the statement said.

The two presidents had "an exchange of views on regional issues of common interest, in the light of the latest developments, in the Sahel and Libya, on which there was a convergence of views."