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## **DOMESTIC NEWS**

### **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.

In accordance with the provisions of Article 92 of the Constitution, President Abdelmadjid Tebboune conducted a partial reshuffle among Walis and Walis delegates,” said the source.

### **Mila tremor: Need to respect building standards devoted to victims**

*MILA* - Minister of Housing, Urban Planning and the City, Kamel Nasri, insisted Tuesday from Mila on the need to respect building standards in the subdivisions dedicated to the people affected by the earthquake that struck this province on August 7.

Instructions have been given to the executives concerned for the realization, in the lots to be built, of modern cities with space and equipment," said Nasri at a meeting held at the headquarters of the province, accompanied by the Minister of Interior, Local Government and Land Management, Kamel Beldjoud, in the presence of representatives of civil society, the affected population, as well as experts and building specialists.

It was necessary that "these houses are built in accordance with the pavilion model" as a "first experiment" launched since Mila, he said.

The Minister of Housing, Urban Planning and the City also stressed the need to ensure that the geotechnical studies of subdivisions dedicated to the affected population are ready "as soon as possible" while taking into account, he said, the standards required in the field of construction and urban planning.

Nasri also called for the diagnosis of the phenomenon of landslides in the district of El Kherba de Mila, the area most affected by the earthquake, while taking the necessary time to conduct the technical tests required to perform a "work that allows a better understanding of this phenomenon.

## **COVID-19 NEWS**

### **List of provinces concerned by partial lockdown measure modified**

*ALGIERS* – Prime Minister Abdelaziz Djerad modified, as part of the progressive approach adopted by the public authorities in the health crisis management the list of the provinces concerned by the partial lockdown measure, bringing it from 29 to 18 provinces, said Monday a communiqué from Prime Minister’s Office.

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The modification comes "in application of the instructions of President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune, Supreme Chief of the Armed Forces, Minister of National Defence and following consultations with the Scientific Committee on Follow-up of Coronavirus pandemic situation."

In the light of the evolution of the health, the list of the provinces concerned by the partial lockdown measure was brought from 29 to 18 provinces.

The partial lockdown measure has been lifted in 19 provinces where the health situation has significantly improved. The list includes Souk Ahras, Tissemsilt, Djelfa, Mascara, Oum El Bouaghi, Batna, Biskra, Khenchela, M'sila, Chlef, Sidi Bel Abbès, Bordj Bou Arreridj, Ouargla, Bechar, Constantine, Sétif, Adrar, Laghouat and El Oued.

The partial lockdown measure has been renewed in ten provinces for 30 days as of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 from 11 P.M. to 6 A.M.

These provinces are Boumerdes, Bouira, Relizane, Médéa, Blida, Tipaza, Alger, Oran, Annaba and Bejaia.

The application, for a period of thirty (30) days from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020, of the partial confinement measure from 11:00 p.m. to the next day 6:00 am for eight provinces, where the pandemic cases increased, namely: Tebessa, Illizi, El Tarf, Ain Defla, Tlemcen, Tizi-Ouzou, Tindouf and Jijel."

The same source said that "the Governors may, however, after approval of the competent authorities, take any measures required by the health situation in each province, particularly the establishment or the modification schedules of the partial or total confinement measure in one or more municipalities, localities or neighborhoods facing contamination outbreaks."

### ***SPORT NEWS***

#### **Behind-closed-doors sports activities to resume progressively**

**ALGIERS** - The government has assigned Youth and Sports Minister Sid Ali Khaldi to examine with all the sports federations the possibility of the progressive resumption of the behind-closed-door sports activities, in line with adapted health protocols, said Monday a communiqué of the Prime Minister's office.

Youth and Sports Minister will hold "consultation with all the federations to consider the possibility of progressive resumption of behind-closed-doors sports events, in accordance with health protocols suitable for each discipline," said the communiqué.

All sports competitions, all disciplines combined, have been suspended in Algeria since March 16, due to the Covid-19. The Ministry of Youth and Sports (MJS) announced on July 9, as a first step of gradual resumption, that the Algerian athletes "qualified" for the next Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games, postponed to 2021 due to the new Coronavirus pandemic (Covid-19) are authorized to resume training "with strict compliance with protective measures".

### **ECONOMIC NEWS**

#### **Energy: Attar advocates incentives to boost use of LPGc**

*ALGIERS* - Energy Minister Abdelmadjid Attar on Monday advocated incentives to boost the use of LPGc by cars.

“We must immediately boost the use of LPGc by providing incentives and a new regulation,” Attar said in a press briefing on the sidelines of a meeting on green flues held jointly with Minister of Energy Transition and Renewable Energy Chems-Eddine Chitour.

The introduction of LPGc began in 1983 with legal and administrative hindrances. For instance, LPGc-powered cars are prohibited from access to underground parking garages following a security notice imposed since the 1990, said the minister.

There must be a regulation that cancels this measure, especially as the problem is no more posed thanks to new technologies. In addition, the support fund for the encouragement of LPGc users must be revived, he continued.

In this regard, Attar recalled that 50% of LPGc conversion costs are on State.

The meeting brought together managers from Sonatrach, Sonelgaz and Naftal to discuss the promotion of clean fuels such as LPGc and natural gas fuel (NGL).

The participants also focused on ways to save fuel in the short and medium term, and achieve the goal of stopping gasoline imports as of 2021. Sonatrach is committed to produce by the end of the year only one type of gasoline, and therefore to stop importing gasoline from 2021, affirmed Attar.

Minister of the Energy Transition and Energies Chems-Eddine Chitour also stressed the need for the country to identify energy-saving opportunities on which it could make a successful energy transition.

#### **Agriculture: Roadmap to develop strategic sectors**

*ALGIERS* - Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Hamid Hemdani, unveiled Tuesday in Algiers the road-map of his department to further develop strategic sectors and reduce the import bill.

"The roadmap focuses mainly on the development of strategic sectors including cereals and oils which constitute the bulk of national food imports," said Hemdani during his appearance on national radio initiated to develop the sector; this document is based on three essential foundations.

The first is to launch structuring projects to develop strategic sectors and reduce imports, particularly of products that weigh on the balance of trade, such as field crops and oils. It is also a question of implementing strategies to rationalize public spending.

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"The roadmap brings together operators and professionals of the agricultural world for the five-year period 2020-2024," added the same Minister.

### **FOREIGN POLICY NEWS**

#### **Boukadoum holds talks with Turkish counterpart**

*ALGIERS* - Foreign Minister Sabri Boukadoum, who is on a visit to Ankara, on Tuesday held talks with his Turkish counterpart Mevlut Cavusoglu, during which he discussed the prospects of bilateral relations, said the Ministry of Foreign Ministry in a communiqué.

"These talks allowed the two ministers to have an in-depth exchange on the state and prospects of bilateral relations. In this regard, they welcomed the dynamic that characterizes bilateral ties, and stressed the commitment of both countries to further diversify them by exploiting all the potentialities and opportunities offered to promote a broad partnership between the two countries," said the same source.

Both FMs seized "this opportunity to continue political dialogue on regional and international issues of common interest."

The issue of the situation in Libya was raised and the two FMs stressed the need for a political solution based on dialogue and reconciliation between all Libyans, free from any foreign interference, as the only way to preserve the unity and integrity of Libya."

"Both parties also discussed the situation in Mali and stressed the need to support this brotherly and neighboring country in the difficult period it is going through," said the source.

Following the meeting, the two ministers "agreed to continue their joint efforts to develop bilateral relations and political dialogue between Algeria and Turkey," concluded the ministry.

#### **Geneva: UN dispute tribunal rejects complaint against Algerian authorities**

*ALGIERS* - The secretary of the Geneva Office of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal, Issam Al Muhammadi, said the complaint lodged by Algerian political activists against the Algerian authorities has been rejected 24 hours after being submitted and examined by the office's legal officers.

The complaint was rejected on several grounds, including "the content that is not in accordance with the reports of the Human Rights Organization in Algeria, some signatories having a criminal record, all signatories have not been resident in Algeria for a period of 10 years and the initiators of the complaint have a dual nationality, some of which do not even have Algerian nationality," the office's secretary told Radio Monte Carlo International on Sunday.

"The United Nations and human rights organizations examine cases and complaints, with a thorough assessment by lawyers from several UN member countries," he stressed.

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The UN, he said, "relies on the reports of its sub-offices in the countries and not on those emanating from opposing parties or movements, because their disagreements with the regimes of their countries are internal affairs".

### **Boukadoum received by President Erdogan in Ankara**

*ALGIERS* - Foreign Minister Sabri Boukadoum, on visit to Ankara, was received in audience Tuesday by President Received Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey, during which he conveyed to him a message from President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune, the ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement.

Boukadoum presented to President Erdogan "the results of his discussions with his counterpart, Mevlut Cavusoglu, as well as the cooperation actions on the bilateral agenda, especially on investment and trade," the statement said.

President Erdogan "expressed his satisfaction with the positive developments in Algerian-Turkish relations, reiterating his personal commitment to strengthen them further, including in investment, in the mutual interest of both countries."

"Regional and international issues of common interest were also on the agenda of this audience, in particular the situation in Mali and Libya, where the Algerian position on the need to give priority to dialogue and political solutions to the crises in the region was reiterated," according to the statement.

President Erdogan asked the Foreign Minister to convey to President Tebboune his "fraternal greetings and his wish to meet him on a visit to Turkey."

### ***EDUCATION***

### **3rd Summer University of Algerian-US foundation for Culture, Education, Science and Technology**

*ALGIERS* – Nearly 280 people have participated in the third Summer University of Algerian-US foundation for Culture, Education, Science and Technology (AAF-CEST) which was held from July 18<sup>th</sup> to August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Doctoral students, master's students and university teachers as well as renowned Algerian researchers in the United States and elsewhere activating in different scientific fields, participated in this third edition which proceedings focused renewable energy, biology, biotechnology, health, civil engineering, architecture and town planning, IT and cybersecurity, the organizing party said.

Nearly 280 people among them doctoral students, master's students and university teachers as well as renowned Algerian researchers in the United States and elsewhere took part in this work.

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Taha Merghoub Chairman of the AAF-CEST Foundation said that his institution worked to "maintain this initiative, which began in 2018, despite the difficulties imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic", before expressing his "satisfaction with the success that marked the 3rd edition."

The Ministry of Higher Education's Director General of Scientific Research and Technological Development Hafid Aourag, and the advisor in charge of cultural and scientific affairs at the Algerian embassy in Washington, Taha Bencherif has also thanked the organizers for this "beneficial initiative for the Algerian students."

They voiced continued support for the efforts of the Foundation, and expressed their "readiness to endorse its activities aimed at providing our country with the experience and knowledge of our national experts established abroad."

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### *SPORT*

#### **CAF club competitions: Algeria ranks 5th**

*CAIRO (Egypt)* - Algeria ranks fifth in the ranking of the Confederation of African Football (CAF) member associations for interclub competitions, namely Champions League and the Confederation Cup, based on the performance of the clubs in each event, the continental body posted Tuesday on its official website.

Algeria ranks fifth with 81 points after Morocco (180 pts), Egypt (147 pts), Tunisia (140 pts) and DR Congo (83 pts).

"The ranking of CAF member associations is based on the performance of their representatives in the Champions League and Confederation Cup over a five-year period," the continental body governing football in Africa said.

"The top 12 member associations are eligible to compete with two teams each in the two club competitions for the relevant season."