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DOMESTIC NEWS

President Tebboune appoints Abdelaziz Khelef presidential adviser for economy, finance

ALGIERS - President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune on Saturday appointed Abdelaziz Khelef, Adviser for Economy and Finance at the Presidency of the Republic, the Presidency said in a statement.

Khelef has held several senior State positions, such as Minister of Trade and Finance and Secretary General at the Presidency of the Republic. He has also worked in many international financial institutions.

Terrorist surrenders to military authorities in Adrar

ALGIERS - A terrorist, who joined the terrorist groups in 2012, surrendered Saturday to the military authorities in Adrar, said Sunday a communiqué of the National Defense Ministry.

“As part of the fight against terrorism and thanks to the efforts of the Forces of the People’s National Army, a terrorist surrendered on 20 June 2020 to the military authorities in Adrar (3rd Military Region). The surrendered terrorist is Dechli Bekay, alias “Msalem,” who joined the terrorist groups in 2012,” said the source, pointing out that the aforesaid terrorist was possessing one (01) Kalashnikov submachine gun and four (04) ammunition magazines.”

As part of the fight against smuggling and organized crime, a detachment of the People’s National Army “seized, in El Oued (4th Military Region), 21390 psychotropic tablets while another detachment seized, in Tindouf (3rd Military Region), two (02) all-terrain vehicles and 1000 liters of fuel for smuggling.”

Coast guards and units of the National Gendarmerie “foiled attempts of illegal migration of 100 individuals in Oran, Ain Temouchent and Tlemcen (2nd Military Region),” concluded the source.

Counterterrorism: Army in pursuit of terrorist group in Ain Defla

ALGIERS - Army detachment is in pursuit of an armed terrorist group, as part of an ambush carried out Saturday evening in Ain Defla (160-km southwest of Algiers) in which a soldier was killed, the ministry of National Defence said Sunday in a statement.

"In an ambush in Gaadet Lahdjar, commune of Tarek Ben Ziad, province of Ain Defla (1st military region), a detachment of the People's National Army clashed last night, 20 June 2020, with an armed terrorist group, in which conscript corporal Znanda Mostafa was killed as a martyr" in fulfilment of his national duty.

At the end of the ambush, the "Army detachments participating in the operation, still in progress,

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have taken all necessary security measures for the closing and combing of the area," while a detachment is in pursuit of the criminals, the statement said.

Death in martyr of corporal Znanda: President Tebboune extends condolences to deceased's family, National Army

ALGIERS - President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune extended Sunday his condolences to the People's National Army and the family of conscript corporal Znanda Mostafa who died as a martyr Saturday in a clash with an armed terrorist group in Ain Defla.

"Algeria has lost, with the death in the field of honor of corporal Znanda Mostafa, one of the Nation's heroes whose blood had shed for the country against a barbaric terrorism," wrote President Tebboune on social networks, affirming that "the blood of Mustapha and his predecessors won't be in vain as we will defeat, with Allah Willing, the residue of terrorism."

"I extend my heartfelt condolences to the martyr's family and the People's National Army worthy heir to the National Liberation Army. To God we belong and to Him we return," added President of the Republic.

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The "Army detachments participating in the operation, still in progress, have taken all necessary security measures for the closing and combing of the area," while a detachment is in pursuit of the criminals," said the National Defence Ministry.

Industrial Agriculture Development Office in Saharan regions to be operational soon

ALGIERS - Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Cherif Omari announced Sunday, in Algiers, which the National Office for Industrial Agriculture Development in the Saharan regions will be operational soon, which will help, using satellite technology, determine the production capacities in the South for a lasting cultivation and strengthened farm production.

In a statement to the press on the sidelines of a study day on the use of the satellite technology applications in the field of agriculture in the regions of the South and High Plateaus, held in the presence of Deputy Minister for Desert and Mountainous Agriculture Fouad Chehat, executives and experts of the Algerian Space Agency (ASAL), directors of technical institutes, director of the National Office for Rural Development Studies (BNEDER) and director general of Forests, Omari pointed out that this meeting aims to "define a road map on the use of the satellite technology applications (images, maps and other data) to determine the agricultural spheres that could house the major projects in terms of industrial agriculture in these regions."

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Following the Government's decisions related to the Agriculture Ministry's support to the strategy of the sector's modernization and of industrial agriculture development in the South, this meeting is the opportunity to discuss the satellite applications likely to improve the sector's digitization system, notably concerning the inventory of the livestock, the agricultural land and farm products, the impact of blazes, the identification of pasture and other fields contributing to the strengthening of the national agriculture production, he stressed.

The minister said that, during this coordination meeting with ASAL, "a national workshop will be prepared to which several sectors will take part and which will be devoted to all the available digital applications and to their updating, in addition to the development of other applications, in order to form a clear vision on the existing capacities and the modes of their sustainable exploitation."

Meetings on reform national education in conformity with sector's objectives

ALGIERS - The National Education Ministry has unveiled a plan to reform the educational system. Meetings for diagnosis and evaluation will be organized in a bid to launch a national inclusive dialogue aiming the elaboration of roadmap for a deep reform.

The draft plan document submitted by the ministry to the social partners for debate entails the "lines of the educational system reform."

According to the ministry, these meetings will assess the former reforms applied in the education sector and the methodology for conducting further reforms."

The objective of this "operation is to reach a common diagnosis of the current condition of school in our country and define its strengths and weaknesses in order to elaborate a vision on the desired school."

The meetings will bring together "the stakeholders and partners in charge of implementing the national policy on education in provinces at the national level, as well as university teachers, representatives from the sectors of higher education and vocational training, in addition to economic, industrial, cultural and social bodies".

8 May 1945 massacres: Crucial turning point in Algerian people's fight against colonialism

ALGIERS - Minister of Mujahideen Tayeb Zitouni affirmed, Sunday in Algiers, that the date of May 8, 1945 had been "a crucial turning point" in the history of the Algerian people fight against the "ignoble" French colonization.

Presenting the bill establishing the date of May 08, 1945 a National Day of Memory, before the members of the National People's Assembly (APN), Zitouni underlined the imperative of "preserving the sacred message of our glorious Shouhada (martyrs)."

It also reflects "the attachment to the noble values of November Revolution."

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The drafting of this bill comes in application of the decision of President of the Republic, Abdelmadjid Tebboune, on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the massacres of May 8, 1945.

"Our History will always remain at the top of the concerns of the new Algeria and those of its youth. Our history will also remain in the heart of our foreign relations. In this regard, I have taken the decision to establish May 8 of each year, National Day of Memory," had declared the President of the Republic.

Gray areas: Ministry for incubators open to all development initiatives

M'SILA - Deputy Minister for Micro-enterprise, Start-ups and the Knowledge Economy, in charge of incubators, Nassim Diafat said Sunday in M'sila that the ministry is "open to any initiative or proposal which would contribute to the development of the interior regions and gray areas in particular".

Diafat and Minister of Training and Vocational Education, Hoyam Benfriha paid a visit to the gray areas in the province of Msila.

"Everyone is invited to exploit the available channels, notably the social networks and associations in order to identify the concerns of young people and residents of these gray areas, and thus contribute to solving the problems of unemployment, through the creation of micro-enterprises," he said.

As for her, Training and Vocational Education said that "the statistics and inventory of training needs in gray areas will help materialize the proposals of residents of these areas".

FOREIGN POLICY NEWS

Western Sahara: Conference on conflict settlement Wednesday

BRUSSELS - The European Conference of Support and Solidarity with the Sahrawi People (EUCOCO) announced the organization on Wednesday of a political symposium entitled "Settlement of conflict in Western Sahara: One year after the resignation of UN envoy Horst Kohler," to shed light on the latest developments in the Sahrawi issues.

According to the agenda, the video conference symposium will see the participation of the Sahrawi ambassador for Europe and European Union Oubi Bouchraya al-Bachir, EUCOCO's chairman Pierre Gallan, head of the Algerian committee for solidarity with the Sahrawi people (CNASPS) Said Ayachi, Polisario Front's lawyer at the European courts Gilles Dover and former representative of UN secretary general to Western Sahara Francesco Bastagli.

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Head of the European Parliamentary intergroup "Peace for the Sahrawi people" Joachim Schuster, as well as university lecturers from Spain and Nigeria will also take part in the conference.

In a statement to the press, Oubi Bouchraya said that "this symposium is an initiative of the European Movement of solidarity and international sympathizers with the Sahrawi cause to express their rejection of the absence of real willingness of the Security Council.

Omari attends Arab Agricultural Engineers Union meeting

ALGIERS - The minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Cherif Omari, took part Saturday in a videoconference meeting of the Union of Arab Agricultural Engineers on "the role and importance of Agriculture ministries in the preservation of Arab food security in crisis time," the ministry said in a statement.

Organized by the Union of Arab Agricultural Engineers and the Union of Arab Engineers, the conference was chaired by Dr. Yehia Bakour, the latter's head, with the participation of several Arab ministers of Agriculture, including the Syrian minister of Agriculture and Agricultural Reform, the statement said.

Omari, who sponsored the conference, said the agricultural sector needed to integrate young agricultural engineers to diversify economy in the Arab world, in addition to innovation and technical and professional mastery of the production system.

He stressed the importance of putting the sector on the right track, especially in terms of scientific research and knowledge, the statement added.

The minister expressed Algeria's full and constant solidarity with the other Arab countries to overcome the difficult and unusual times, which are prevailing worldwide.

Mentioning the Algerian response, Omari cites the various measures taken by the government to supply the market with agricultural products, in particular consumer products.

He also cited the measures to fight the epidemic, such as the creation of a crisis cell at the Prime Ministry, which includes the ministry of Agriculture.

The minister also mentioned the creation of a monitoring cell, at the level of his department, to coordinate and supervise the measures taken by the Government with all actors on the ground, including the sector's executives, farmers, breeders, professional associations, chambers of agriculture, and various other boards and groups.

Despite the difficult circumstances, Algerian citizens did not run out of food, he said, "thanks to the efforts of farmers and supervisors who have joined forces and managed to maintain the pace of production," the statement concluded.