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DOMESTIC NEWS

Over 2,600 associations approved in one month nationwide

ORAN - A total of 2,635 associations were approved in one month nationwide out of more than 4,000 applications for approval, said Saturday, in Oran, advisor to President of the Republic for associations and national community abroad Nazih Berramdane.

In a consultation meeting with representatives of associations at the Convention Center "Mohamed Benahmed," Berramdane said that 4,000 applications for approval were submitted, 1,376 of which are being considered and 314 applications were refused, pointing out that the applicants were informed about the refusal.

In this respect, he underlined that it was decided to reduce the duration of the examination of the files to 10 days, a decision taken at the beginning of June by the Ministry of Interior and Local Authorities. It was also decided to facilitate the procedure of getting the approval which was hindering, in the past, the activity of associations.

Berramdane stressed the importance attached by President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune to the role of associations in the participatory democracy and the building of a new Algeria.

"President of the Republic always insists on the key role played by the civil society and the interest to develop the work its carries out, as well as the importance of the associations' role in the participatory democracy and the construction of a new Algeria," said Nazih Berramdane, underscoring that the implementation the President's will is reflected through the facilitation measures decided by the Ministry of Interior and Local Authorities.

5,158 Algerians repatriated since July 20th

ALGIERS – The operation of repatriating the Algerian nationals stranded abroad due to the Covid-19 pandemic, launched last July 20th continues. So far, 5,158 Algerians returned to the country, from 26 countries through 20 air flights and two cruises, said Sunday, Spokesman of Foreign Ministry Abdelaziz Ben Ali Cherif.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman detailed the repatriation operation as follows:

July 20, 2020:

- 306 nationals were repatriated from Saudi Arabia's Jeddah to El Oued Airport.

July 21, 2020:

- 317 nationals returned to Oran airport, via two flights from Bordeaux-Merignac and Toulouse Airports (France).

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- 222 nationals have been repatriated to Tlemcen airport, via two flights from Matz Airport (France).

July 22, 2020:

- 322 nationals landed in Annaba Airport, aboard two flights from Lille Airport (France).
- 9 nationals stuck in Tunisia returned to Algeria across the land borders.

July 23, 2020:

- 310 nationals landed in Annaba Airport, coming from Jeddah (Saudi Arabia).
- 635 nationals were repatriated via Oran harbor, coming from Alicante (Spain).
- 617 Algerians returned to Algiers in two flights from Paris (France).
- 450 nationals were repatriated to the port of Algiers from Marseille (France).
- 111 nationals landed in Constantine Airport from Rome (Italy). The plane was carrying citizens who were stuck in Greece and Malta too.

July 24, 2020:

- 230 citizens were repatriated to Algiers airport, via two flights from Brussels Airport (Belgium), among them citizens stranded in the Netherlands and Luxembourg.
- 308 nationals were repatriated to Algiers airport from Lyon (France).
- 213 nationals were repatriated to Algiers airport from Frankfurt (Germany), among them citizens stuck in Austria, Slovakia, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, Poland, Lithuania, Lithuania, Hungary and Finland.

July 25, 2020:

- 250 nationals have been repatriated to Algiers airport from Montreal (Canada).
- 225 nationals returned to Constantine Airport from Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), among them two citizens who were stuck in Singapore.

July 26, 2020:

- 124 nationals landed in Biskra airport coming from Muscat (Sultanate of Oman).
- 249 nationals were repatriated to Constantine Airport, coming from Doha (Qatar).
- 260 nationals landed in Constantine airport from Montreal (Canada).

The Foreign Ministry spokesman said the repatriation operation will continue until July 30, 2020, through 20 trips scheduled to evacuate 5165 stranded citizens, who are registered in Egypt, France, Jordan, Russia, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, the United States and Qatar.

COVID-19 NEWS

Covid-19: Support service for medical staffs

In order to strengthen the support of the "White Army," the National Solidarity sector has opened channels of consultation with medical teams by mobilizing specialists from 275 local cells nationwide, to be in direct contact with hospitals or through an electronic service reserved for this purpose," said the source.

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This initiative is in line with "the other steps taken since the start of the pandemic to provide care for all social groups in the sector (elderly people in distress, homeless people, family consultations)," the ministry said.

Welcoming the efforts made by the public authorities and civil society, the Ministry of National Solidarity expressed its appreciation for the sacrifices made by medical staff in their fight against the corona virus, thereby addressing "its special greetings to the woman who perseveres and fights alongside the man to save the lives of Algerians," the source concluded.

ECONOMIC NEWS

Insurance: CNMA has achieved 31% growth rate in 2019

ALGIERS - The National Agricultural Mutual Fund (CNMA) achieved in 2019 a net outcome, worth DZD 1.2 billion, against DZD 915 million in 2018, representing an increase of 31%, said Sunday the Fund in a communiqué.

For the 2019 financial year, this century-old establishment posted "the best result since its creation and which amounted to DZD 1.2 billion, making a significant increase of 31% compared to the previous year which was around DZD 915 million," said the same source.

During this fiscal year, compensations totaled DZD 8.4 billion for more than 200,000 settled claims, added the document.

During this financial year, the Fund posted a 49% rise in its non-current assets, mainly resulting from the revaluation operation of its non-depreciable property.

These positive results in the insurance business had enabled the establishment to increase its capital from DZD 4.5 billion to DZD 5.5 billion, an increase of 22%, which "solidifies" the financial base of this insurance company.

The balance sheet of CNMA's activities also shows a net insurance margin which rose from DZD 1.3 billion in 2018 up to more than DZD 1.7 billion in 2019, up 29%.

This performance underlines "the solidity of its mutual model and the commitment of its employees".

Annual inflation rate at 2.1% late June

ALGIERS - The average annual inflation rate in Algeria reached 2.1% in late June, announced the National Statistics Office (ONS).

The annual rate of consumer price inflation in late June 2020 is the annual average inflation rate calculated by taking into account the 12-month period from July 2019 to June 2020 compared to the period from July 2018 to June 2019.

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The monthly change in consumer prices, which is the change in the price index for the month of June 2020 compared to May 2020, increased by 0.2%, said the Office.

In terms of monthly variation and by product category, food prices decreased by 0.2%, with a 0.5% drop in prices of fresh agricultural products. This decline in fresh agricultural products is mainly due to a drop in prices of fresh vegetables (-11.4%) and fresh fish (-2%).

The office also noted that other products experienced price increases in June and compared with last May, including chicken meat (+8.2%), eggs (+6.7%), fresh fruit (+3.04%) and potatoes (+9.6%). Industrial product prices rose by nearly 0.2%.

As for manufactured goods, prices rose by 0.6% while prices for services stagnated. By group of goods and services, prices in the clothing and footwear groups rose by 0.6%, transport and communication prices increased by 1.0% while the rest of goods and services showed relatively moderate developments.

In the first half of 2020, consumer prices rose by 2.25% despite a slight fall (0.15%) in food, induced in particular by a 0.7% fall in prices of fresh agricultural products.

This upward variation recorded in the first half of the current year is explained by increases by +0.46% in industrial food products, nearly +5% in manufactured goods and +2.53% in services.

In 2019, the inflation rate in Algeria had reached 2%.

FOREIGN POLICY NEWS

Crisis in Mali: Security Council to meet on Monday via videoconference

NEW YORK - The Security Council will hold an in-camera video-conference on Monday to discuss the crisis in Mali, after the failure of the mediation initiated by the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

The meeting invited by Russia for last weekend was postponed on the proposal of Niger, which preferred to wait for the results of the Good Offices Mission, led Thursday in Bamako by five leaders of this intergovernmental organization.

The Special Representative of the United Nations Integrated Multidimensional Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA), Mohamet Salah Annadif, is expected to brief the Council on the latest developments in that Sahelian country.

At the same time, an extraordinary summit of ECOWAS leaders will be held on Monday in Niger to propose measures for a way out of the crisis in Mali.

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Experts warn against impacts of military intervention in Libya on North Africa, Sahel

ALGIERS - Experts in international security warned against the fallout of a military intervention in Libya on North Africa and the Sahel and the risks of seeing this country, torn by conflict since 2011, become the scene of a proxy war between major powers.

The "foreign military interventions will never make Libya safe. It will rather be the fuse that will lead to the explosion throughout the region and a real collective suicide," said security expert Amine Mizab, who called for the prevalence of wisdom and dialogue in order to calm the situation and avoid an open war for which neighboring countries will pay dearly."

Security expert Larbi Cherif also stressed that "any weapon introduced and used outside the control of the State institutions poses a threat to Libya and its neighbors including Egypt". "The arming of a third party in this country already in anarchy and chaos, only worsens and prolongs the crisis and diminishes the chances of a political settlement," he added.

He highlighted the risks of foreign military interventions and the involvement of certain tribes in this swamp of war, noting that the arming of the tribes is not a solution as some parties claim, because it is likely to lead to the fall of the State in Libya.

The international security expert, Benameur Bendjana raised the risk of the influx of arms in this country, particularly on the social fabric, insisting that "the tribes become uncontrollable, in the event of their arming, especially in the absence of a political framework." This "reveals the threat of a real civil war between the tribes likely to disintegrate and exterminate the Libyan society and export the crisis beyond its borders."

MISCELLANEOUS

CULTURE

Amine Sidi Boumediene's "Abou Leila" at Shanghai International Film Festival

ALGIERS - Feature film "Abou Leila" by Algerian filmmaker Amine Sidi Boumediene participates, alongside about 360 other films, at the 23rd Shanghai International Film Festival, held from 25 July to 2 August, said the event's organizers on their website.

"Abou Leila" is scheduled in the out-of-competition with other films, namely Maryam Touzani's "Adam" from Morocco and "The Perfect Candidate" by Haifaa Al Mansour (Saudi Arabia, Germany).

A 140-minute Algerian-French-Qatari coproduction, "Abou Leila" deals with the tragic events of the 1990s through the story of young men Samir, performed by Slimane Benouari and Lotfi, played by Lyes Salem, who track in the Algerian desert a dangerous terrorist called Abou Leila, a detective story which explores the impact of violence and shocks on societies.

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After his short films “Tomorrow Algiers” and “El Djazira,” Amine Sidi Boumediene made his first feature film “Abou Leila” which received in 2020 the critics award of Barcelona Film Festival.

“Abou Leila” was also screened in festivals in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tunisia, Belgium, Italy and Egypt.

Algerian actor and filmmaker Lyes Salem won the prize of the best actor for his role in this film in the 30th Carthage Film Festival in Tunisia in 2019.