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DOMESTIC NEWS

Constitution revision: Expert Committee receives 1,800 proposal files

ALGIERS - The Committee of experts in charge of making proposals for a constitutional revision received about 1,800 proposal files relating to the amendments provided for in the draft Constitution, said Tuesday the Committee's rapporteur and spokesman Walid Aggoun, pointing out that most of the proposals are related to rights and freedoms, the separation of powers and the judicial power.

Guest of El Bahdja Radio, Aggoun said that "the Committee of experts in charge of making proposals on the constitutional revision received about 1,800 files comprising hundreds of proposals on the amendments provided for in the draft."

In this regard, he said that the committees' members "are taking all proposals into account and examining and sorting them before submitting them to the President of the Republic."

Most of the proposals "concern the fundamental rights and public freedoms, the strengthening of the separation and balance of powers, the judicial power and the fight against corruption," he said.

Concerning the deadlines of the presentation of the final draft at the Parliament before a popular referendum, Aggoun affirmed that it "is a technical committee which submitted amendable proposals and that all the next phases come under the jurisdiction of President of the Republic."

Fight against crime: Three arrested, 40 kg of cannabis seized in south

ALGIERS - Three individuals were arrested Tuesday and 40 kilogrammes of cannabis as well as five all-terrain vehicles were seized by Army detachments in the southern provinces of Tamanrasset, In-Guezzam and Bordj Badji Mokhtar (6th military region), the ministry of National Defence said Wednesday in a statement.

"As part of the fight against smuggling and organized crime, detachments of the people's National Army, in coordination with the Customs Service, arrested in separate operations, on 23 June 2020, in Tamanrasset, In Guezzam and Bordj Badji Mokhtar (6th military region), three individuals and seized five all-terrain vehicles and 40 kilogrammes of cannabis," the statement said.

During the operations, 32 quintals of food, meant for smuggling, 14 power-generating sets, jackhammers and various detonation tools used in illegal gold mining operations were also seized.

In addition, "a combined Army detachment apprehended six drug traffickers and seized 15.8 kg of cannabis in Ghardaia (4th military region), while border guards seized, in Tlemcen (2nd military region), 25 kg of the same substance."

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School year 2019-2020: BEM is optional

ALGIERS - The intermediate school certificate examination (BEM) for the school year 2019-2020 is optional, announced Wednesday the Prime Minister's Office, underlining that "it is no longer a necessary certificate to move up to the next classes."

"After his consultation with President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune on Tuesday 23 June 2020, the Prime Minister gave instructions to the minister of National Education concerning the intermediate school certificate examination (BEM) for the school year 2019-2020," said the Prime Minister's Office in a communiqué.

"BEM is optional in the sense that, for school pupils, it is no longer a necessary certificate to move up to the next classes," said the source. Pupils will move up to the next class by calculating the averages of the two terms with an average score of 9 out of 20, according to the communiqué.

ECONOMIC NEWS

Algeria-China: First 5G Joint Innovation Center opens

ALGIERS - The first joint innovation center between the National Agency for the Promotion and Development of Technology Parks (ANPT) and the Chinese company ZTE opened Tuesday at the Techno park of Sidi Abdellah in Algiers. The center will be the starting point for testing to launch the fifth generation (5G) technology in Algeria.

After the inauguration of this innovation center with China's ambassador to Algeria Li Lianhe, Minister of Micro-enterprises, Startups and Knowledge Economy Yacine Djeridene said that this experimental center is meant to be "a technological gain for Algeria and shows the level of cooperation between the two countries and between ANPT and ZTE."

This cooperation aims to transfer communication technologies to the Algerian students to help them better assimilate the optical fiber technology, internet and the 5G telecommunications, he stressed.

According to the explanations provided by its officials, this center will enable in the future startups and project-holders to test their solutions and applications for free.

For his part, Li Lianhe said that the Algerian-Chinese cooperation in the field of technology innovations and telecommunications have led to important results, welcoming the results of the cooperation between the Chinese company ZTE and ANPT, which resulted in the creation of a joint center to contribute to the development of information and communication technologies.

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Tosyali: Ore enrichment plant to be delivered by end of 2020

ORAN - An ore enrichment plant will be delivered by the end of current year at the level of Tosyali steel complex, based in Bethioua (east of Oran), said Tuesday a member of the board of directors of this Algerian company.

In a guide visit to Tosyali complex, organized for the representatives of media outlets, Alp Topcuoglu underlined that the works are underway for the construction of an ore enrichment plant with a production capacity of 4.5 million tons/year, which will be delivered before the end of current year before its commissioning in early 2021.

A budget of USD80 million was devoted for the execution of this project which will enable the complex to dispose of the importation of the product used in the manufacturing of several types of iron, he said, announcing that the future production plant will be added to nine others which are already operational at Tosyali.

According to the source, the construction works of a 120 hectare-plant for the production of solid steel will be launched in the beginning of next year. The plant's production capacity will near 2 million tons per year.

Tosyali exported more than 34,000 tons of various types of iron, including more than 31,000 tons to the United States of America, Great Britain and Canada and about 3,000 tons to Angola.

Batna: more than 4 million liters of olive oil produced

BATNA - Batna produced 4.288 million liters of olive oil during the 2019/2020 agricultural season, i.e. 15% more than the previous season, said on Wednesday Saâda Ghekali local official in charge of fruit trees.

This production, which represents an average yield of 16 litres per quintal, was obtained following the pressing of 257,657 quintals of olive, out of the total of harvest which reached 461,093 quintals, she said. The province of Batna counts 25 operational oil mills.

One of these oil mills located in the town of Boumia specializes in the production of quality virgin olive oil.

The olive grove in Batna currently covers 12,763 hectares, 430 ha more than the previous season and totals 2.5 million olive trees, including 863,000 producer trees, according to Ghekali.

Half of these olive orchards are found in the southern region of the province , particularly in the locality of Barika, Ain Touta and Seggana.

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FOREIGN POLICY NEWS

Libyan crisis: Arab League's head reaffirms opposition to any "foreign military intervention"

CAIRO - The Arab League Secretary General Ahmed Aboul Gheit reiterated Tuesday his opposition to any foreign military intervention in Libya.

In an extraordinary summit, by video conference, of the League's Foreign Ministers, summoned by Egypt, Aboul Gheit underlined that "no military option is able to restore peace and stability in this country or bring victory to any of the camps." "This will even break the unity," according to him.

All the provisions governing a ceasefire must be "accompanied by measures like the expulsion of foreign combatants and mercenaries as well as the breakup of militias," added Aboul Gheit.

"Active" international solidarity to permanently support Sahrawis in their struggle for independence

ALGIERS - "Active" international solidarity will permanently support the Sahrawis in their legitimate struggle for independence and self-determination, Said Ayachi president of the Algerian National Committee of Solidarity with the Saharawi people (CNASPS), said on Wednesday.

During a videoconference on the political situation in Western Sahara on the theme: "Western Sahara: one year after the resignation of UN Envoy Horst Kohler. What future for the settlement plan?," Ayachi reviewed the role and actions of the international movement of solidarity with the Sahrawi people, citing in particular the case of CNASPS.

"It is obvious that in their struggle, the Sahrawis are not alone, as were in the past the Algerians, South Africans, Angolans and other liberation movements," he said, assuring that "active international solidarity will always support them. All women and men who love justice and freedom will accompany them until the final victory. "

As such, the president of CNASPS recalled that Algeria's position regarding the Sahrawi question "has not changed since 1963".

This "constant" position stems from two major principles.

The first being its "loyalty to the guiding principles of the Algerian people's struggle for independence, opposing any form of colonization, occupation or exploitation ".

The second one is, of course, its respect for International Law, in particular the right of the colonial peoples to self-determination, enshrined in a United Nations resolution 1514 of December 10, 1960.

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President Tebboune receives Ethiopia's outgoing Ambassador

ALGIERS - President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune received Wednesday, in Algiers, Ethiopia's ambassador to Algeria, Amine Abdulkadir Baraket, who paid him a farewell visit at the end of his diplomatic mission to Algeria.

The Ethiopian diplomat told reporters, at the end of the audience granted to him by President of the Republic at the presidency's headquarters, that he had had a "very fruitful" discussion with the head of State, stressing the strengthening of relations between the two countries in various areas, including the economic and cultural fields.

The Ethiopian ambassador expressed his gratitude to the Algerians, a people that he said he had "greatly appreciated" throughout his staying in Algeria.

Sahel security: African forces deployed before end of 2020

ALGIERS - African Union (AU) Commissioner for Peace and Security Smail Chergui announced Tuesday the deployment of 3000 soldiers of the African forces in the Sahel before the end of the year, as soon as the necessary preparations are made.

"Decided last February at a meeting of the heads of State and Government, the deployment of 3,000 soldiers in the Sahel in June, at the request of the region's countries, has been delayed due to the response measures to the Covid-19," Chergui told APS.

Consultations between the various actors, such as the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the G5 Sahel countries, began immediately after the summit of the heads of State, last February, on the execution of the operational concept for the deployment of the forces.

The issue is to be presented to the African Union Council of Peace and Security for approval before the end of 2020.

The force deployment comes in response to the increasing frequency of violence in the Sahel, especially after the latest attacks in the region, in addition to the ecological challenges, the resulting drought and its impact on food security in the region. This further complicates the situation.

Chergui lamented the fact that terrorists, extremists, smugglers and organized crime groups take advantage of the absence of official authorities to extend their influence and compensate for state services, to further deploy their members and expand terrorist activities outside the Sahel region."