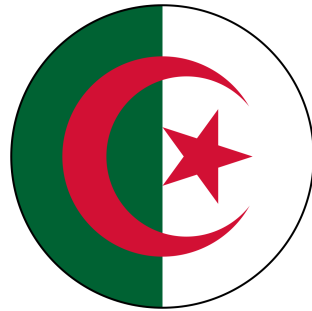


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DOMESTIC NEWS

Algeria moving towards construction of new Republic "disturbs" colonialist lobby

ALGIERS - Speaker of the People's National Assembly (Lower House) Slimane Chenine, said Thursday that Algeria, which is heading towards the construction of a new Republic, "will always disturb" the colonialist lobby and its relays, especially since this same lobby is always camped on "its infamous and insulting positions towards free men, descendants of the valiant mujahideen."

In an address on the occasion of the closure of the 2019-2020 ordinary parliamentary session, Chenine said that Algeria was now engaged in the project of building the new Republic and that this orientation "does not and will never suit the colonialist lobby and its relays, which persist in their infamous and insulting positions towards free men, descendants of the valiant mujahideen, positions at the antipode of human values".

For Chenine, these positions "only strengthen the determination of our people to continue the process of claiming everything that can ensure the eternal rest of our martyrs in Paradise and to do justice to our national memory and history."

Referring to the "blessed" People's Hirak (popular movement), he said that this parliamentary session "was in line with this Hirak and its legitimate demands for the rule of law and freedom, justice and change." These demands "were and will be the real compass in the functioning of the various constitutional institutions, including the Lower House," he continued.

COVID-19 NEWS

Covid-19: Several measures to keep situation under control

ALGIERS - During the working session chaired on Thursday in Algiers by President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune, devoted to the review of the health situation in the country in light of the increase in the number of cases of Covid-19 in many provinces, several measures were decided to "keep the situation under control".

After listening to the governors of Algiers, Oran, Biskra, Setif and Ouargla, the president decided to create a special insurance, at the expense of the State, in favour of the doctors and other healthcare staffs directly involved in the fighting the pandemic, and authorize public and private laboratories, to carry out Covid-19 screening blood tests so as to ease pressure on the Pasteur Institute and its annexes in all provinces.

The measures taken also include the involvement of neighborhood committees and civil society associations in provinces' initiatives to support citizens, the granting to the province of the prerogatives of requisitioning available resources for optimal use, and the consolidation of permanent stocks of screening equipment and medical oxygen with daily monitoring in each province.

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In addition, the meeting culminated in the prohibition for one week, starting this Friday, of road traffic, including private vehicles, to and from the following 29 provinces: Boumerdes, Souk Ahras, Tissemsilt, Djelfa, Mascara, Oum El Bouaghi, Batna, Bouira, Relizae, Biskra, Khenchela, M'sila, Chlef, Sidi Bel Abbes, Medea, Blida, Bordj Bou Arreridj, Tipaza, Ouargla, Bechar, Algiers, Constantine, Oran, Setif, Annaba, Bejaia, Adrar, Laghouat and El Oued.

In the regard, the president decided to ban public and private urban transport during weekends, starting tomorrow Friday, in 29 provinces.

Moreover, the president decided to disinfect streets and markets several times a day in addition to the requisitioning of doctors from companies in cessation of activity in return for financial incentives, where appropriate.

In addition to the Prime Minister, the meeting was attended by the Ministers of the Interior, Local Authorities and National Planning, Health, Population and Hospital Reform, and Pharmaceutical Industry, as well as the Commander of the National Gendarmerie, the Director General of National Police (DGSN), the governors of Algiers, Oran, Biskra, Setif and Ouargla and the members of the Scientific Committee for monitoring the evolution of the coronavirus pandemic.

Covid-19: Over 2,700 artists benefited from financial aid

ALGIERS - A total of 2,795 artists benefited from financial aid as part of the support operation to the people affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, said the National Office of Copyrights and Related Rights (ONDA) in a communiqué.

“About 2,795 artists whose activities were suspended because of the coronavirus have benefitted from financial aid,” said ONDA on its Facebook page.

A total of 5,517 artists have registered via the internet and 1,084 others registered directly or by fax as part of the aid support announced in April by Minister of Culture and Arts Malika Bendouda. ONDA comprises about 24,000 members among artists and authors, according to 2019's report.

Algiers: Public, private passenger transport banned on weekends as from this Friday

ALGIERS - The services of Algiers province announced Friday that the public and private passenger transport is banned on the weekends as from this Friday until further notice, said a communiqué of these services.

“As part of hardening measures of the fight against the new coronavirus pandemic and implementing the instructions of the countries' high authorities, Algiers' governor Youcef Cherfa informs all the citizens of the capital that it was decided to ban the movement of public and private passenger transport across the province, or be subject to sanctions stipulated by the law against contraveners,” added the source.

This traffic ban instruction will be applied on the weekends as from this Friday 10 July 2020 until

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further notice. In this regard, Algiers' governor called on all citizens "to the strict compliance with the prevention measures dictated by the health authority, notably the wearing of masks, respect of hygiene rules and physical distancing in order to preserve public health.

ECONOMIC NEWS

Preparation of sector-based roadmap on main lines of energy strategy

ALGIERS - A sector-based roadmap on the main lines of the energy strategy comprising the actions, commitments and the implementation deadlines is under preparation, said Friday the Ministry of Energy in a communiqué.

This roadmap was the subject of a meeting Thursday chaired by Minister of Energy Abdelmadjid Attar with senior officials of the energy sector, including heads of ALNAFT, ARH and CREG agencies as well as the chief executive officer of the national hydrocarbon company SONATRACH.

"This meeting was devoted to the presentation of energy sector which constitutes the driving force of the national economy and the preparation of a sector-based roadmap for short, medium and long term which will focus on the main lines of the energy strategy with the definition of actions, commitments and the implementation deadlines of these actions, as part of the government's action plan and instructions of President of the Republic," said the communiqué.

According to the source, the minister hailed all the sector's executives and workers for the efforts that have been made to achieve the objectives assigned to the sector by the government, notably in terms of meeting the increasing national demand for energy.

He called to mobilize all the synergies and skills to take up the challenges faced by the sector in order to contribute to the country's economic and social development.

Among the primordial objectives assigned to the sector, the minister notably cited the supplying of the national market with energy products, the strengthening of production capacities and the preservation of export market share.