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DOMESTIC NEWS

Grey areas: State has financial means to deal with citizens' concerns

KHENCHELA - The Head of mission in charge of monitoring grey areas at the Presidency of the Republic Mourad Ibrahim said Saturday in Khenchela that "the State has the necessary financial means to deal with the concerns raised by the inhabitants of grey areas."

"Despite the difficult economic situation the country is going through, the State seeks to set the priorities and earmark the necessary budgets to address the concerns raised by the inhabitants of grey areas," said the head of mission during his visit to grey areas in the communes of Chelia, Bouhmama, Lemsara, Taouzianet, El Rmila and El Hamma.

Several projects will be implemented to improve living conditions in grey areas throughout many countries. A large part of budgets will be allotted to other projects under consideration, said the same official.

"Addressing citizens' concerns in grey areas is a priority to the President of the Republic and the committee I chair will visit several regions countrywide in order to draw up a roadmap that will be used by authorities to implement projects aimed at offering the inhabitants of these regions dignified living conditions," he continued.

During his visit, Ibrahim noted the difficult living conditions in these areas and promised to address the concerns raised by citizens, notably those related to drinking water, connection to electricity and gas networks, education and opening up.

Last March, the province of Khenchela identified 374 grey areas that need 477 development projects in 14 key sectors.

President Tebboune: Constitutional revision project ensures fair, regular elections

ALGIERS - President of the Republic, Abdelmadjid Tebboune, said Sunday that the draft constitutional amendment ensures "fair and regular elections."

Speaking at the Council of Ministers meeting, President Abdelmadjid Tebboune noted that "the draft constitutional revision provides all the guarantees for the regularity and fairness of elections, both through the constitutionalization of the Independent National Authority for Elections, and through a strict codification of political financing, with a view to preserving the freedom of the popular will and equal opportunities for voting."

"It is essential to proceed, beforehand, to a constitutional revision, because it is inconceivable to renew the elected bodies with laws rejected by the people," said President Tebboune, adding that "the application of this constitutional amendment, if it were to be supported by the people, will require the adjustment of a number of laws, through the comprehensive reform of the state and the rehabilitation of its institutions and authority."

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"The project is in line with the requirements of building a modern state and meets the demands of the authentic, blessed popular movement (Hirak)," added the President of the Republic, expressing his commitment to ensuring that "the Constitution, in its new version, is the most widely consensual throughout its development, allowing the various bangs of society and opinion makers to debate for more than four months, despite the health crisis that the country is going through.

President Tebboune also recalled that "the electoral promises are sincere commitments and far from any quest for details and formalities to the detriment of fundamental issues inherent in the perennial foundations of the State."

"What is made public from the anti-corruption trials, which is among the reasons for the decadence of the countries, represents the level of moral decay and the depth of the harm done to the institutions of the Nation and its wealth, but also a fundamental crisis of confidence between rulers and ruled," said the President of the Republic.

Therefore, "the resolution of this crisis is a sine qua non condition for the construction of a new Algeria where no one will be protected by his immunity, nor by his influence," added President Tebboune.

"One will only be protected by honesty in speech, dedication in action, a permanent attachment to creativity and self-denial, so that every citizen, especially the young, perceives change and knows that the State is truly at the service of the citizen, " concluded President of the Republic, Abdelmadjid Tebboune.

ENVIRONMENT

Pipeline OK1 leak in El-Oued: Maintenance operation progresses well

ALGIERS – The maintenance and welding operation of pipeline OK1 in El Oued, following last Thursday's leak caused by bad weather is progressing well, Group Sonatrach said Sunday in communiqué.

The "suction of polluted waters continues as supplementary technical means were mobilized," said the source. In application of the instructions of CEO Toufik Hakkar, who paid a visit on Friday, technical teams from the National Teams of Wells (ENSP) specializing in the suction of polluted waters moved to the scene of the incident on Saturday.

Group Sonatrach had announced Saturday in a communiqué, several measures and decisions aimed at addressing the damages caused by last Thursday's pipeline OK1 leak in El Oued.

Supplementary investigation into the reasons behind the leak will be conducted by a multidisciplinary team which will to establish a global diagnosis in the scene of the accident in order to assess the extent of the potential damage to the environment.

COVID-19 NEWS

Covid-19: 302 Algerian nationals stranded in France repatriated

ALGIERS - National airline Air Algerie repatriated Saturday 302 Algerian nationals stranded in France because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the spokesman of the airline, Amine Andaloussi, told APS.

"Algiers-Paris flight (AH1005) repatriated 302 nationals from Orly Airport (France), on board an Airbus A330 which landed on Saturday (18:30) at Houari Boumediene International Airport (of Algiers)," Andaloussi said.

The Algerian nationals were immediately carried to the quarantine centers for a week-long health care. Another flight is scheduled for Friday, September 11, the source said.

The operation is part of the fourth repatriation stage, following instructions from the president of the Republic, Abdelmadjid Tebboune, on the repatriation of all Algerian nationals stranded in various countries.

The number of Algerian nationals repatriated since last March, and until September 3, amounts to 30,863 nationals stranded abroad because of the spread of the coronavirus, according to the figures announced by the ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Algerian authorities have mobilized more than 115 flights and four sea crossings, in addition to repatriation operations across the land borders of stranded citizens in Tunisia, Libya and Mauritania.

Africa Asia commends Algeria's "winning" strategy in fight against Covid-19

ALGIERS - In its latest issue, the Africa-Asia magazine has commended the "winning" strategy led by the Algerian Government to fight against the spread of Coronavirus (Covid-19), noting that this unexpected scourge is, thanks to the efforts made, on the verge of being defeated.

As soon as the first cases were reported in Blida, where sixteen members of the same family in this town, located a stone's throw from the capital, were contaminated by the coronavirus following contacts with Algerian nationals residing in France, the President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune "became aware of the seriousness of the situation and started implementing, without delay, a strategy to fight this scourge from elsewhere," wrote Philippe Tourel in his article.

"Unlike some Western countries that had been slow to react, paying a heavy bill for this nonchalance and unpreparedness, Algeria has tackled it head-on without wasting time in arguments and sterile debates on the choice of means. President Tebboune, following hour by hour the evolution of this pandemic (...), at the head of a crisis unit, gave the guidelines to follow the measures to be taken and adaptations to be made according to the changing curves of the pandemic with the first and only concern to save lives," he continued.

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Algeria began by closing schools, colleges, universities and sports arenas, said the journalist who described this experience as "pioneering."

In parallel, the authorities decided an "effective, intelligent but constraining" lockdown.

"Unlike some countries that were forced to call on their army to enforce the rules of deadlock, the overwhelming majority of Algerians have strictly complied with the measures taken by the Government regarding deadlock, especially since State agents were the first to comply with these rules, social distancing and the wearing of masks," wrote the journalist.

ECONOMIC NEWS

Cross-border trade: Rezig on visit to extreme south of country

ALGIERS - Minister of Trade, Kamel Rezig, will pay on Monday and Tuesday, in company with Minister Delegate of Foreign Trade, Aissa Bekkai, a working and inspection visit to the provinces of Tindouf and Adrar to inquire about cross-border trade.

This visit is part of the "monitoring of the implementation of the inter-ministerial decree between the ministries of trade and finance, defining the conditions and modalities of exercising trade barter border," said Sunday the ministry in a statement.

It will allow the two ministers to inquire about the activation of the new regulatory measure taken by the ministry for the benefit of economic operators for the supervision of export operations to neighboring countries, ensuring the transport of exported products to the kilometer point on the borders with each country, added the source.

During this visit, several structures in the sector will be inaugurated, in addition to meetings with economic operators in both provinces.

FOREIGN POLICY NEWS

Approval of appointment of Italy's new ambassador to Algeria

ALGIERS - Algerian Government has given its approval for the appointment of Giovanni Pugliese as ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the Italian Republic to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, the ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement.

Algeria strongly condemns terrorist attack in Tunisia

ALGIERS - Algeria strongly condemned Sunday's terrorist attack that targeted a National Guard patrol in the city of Sousse, expressing "its deep solidarity with Tunisia" to fight against the threat of terrorism, said Sunday the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in a statement.

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"Algeria strongly condemns the terrorist attack that targeted, on Sunday in the city of Sousse, a National Guard patrol (gendarmerie) killing and wounding one person," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

"Algeria extends its deepest condolences to the family of the martyr, wishing a speedy recovery to the injured officer," the same source added.

"Algeria reiterates, on this occasion, its full solidarity with Tunisia, expressing its position alongside this brotherly country in the fight against the terrorist threat that could not undermine the determination of the Tunisian people and Government in maintaining security and stability in the country," added the ministry.

Algeria affirms its determination to fight against terrorism and support international and regional efforts to eradicate this scourge, concluded the Foreign Affairs Ministry.

Sahrawi cause: Boukadoum reiterates Algeria's support for self-determination right

ALGIERS - Head of the Algerian diplomacy, Sabri Boukadoum, reiterated Algeria's consistent position regarding the inalienable right of Sahrawi people to self-determination in accordance with international legitimacy.

In an interview given to the People's National Army magazine, El-Djeich, Boukadoum reiterated the position of Algeria which "strongly supports the right of Sahrawi People to self-determination in accordance with international legitimacy and relevant resolutions of the United Nations and the African Union."

In view of the current impasse in the Western Sahara issue, Algeria has called on several occasions, "the need to appoint a personal envoy of the UN Secretary General, with the aim of relaunching direct negotiations, in good faith and without preconditions, between the two parties to the conflict, Morocco and the Polisario Front, to put end the conflict that has lasted too long, and allow the people of Western Sahara to freely express their will."

In this interview, Boukadoum highlighted the foundations and basic references of Algeria's foreign policy and also discussed the positive impact of political and institutional stability since the election of President the Republic, Abdelmadjid Tebboune, on the country's diplomatic action marked by constant positions regarding the security crisis in Mali and Libya.

Sahrawi people's right to self-determination: Polisario wants concrete actions from UN

NEW YORK (United Nations) - The Polisario Front said Sunday it expects "concrete actions" from the United Nations that demonstrate the willingness of the UN to hold a referendum on self-determination in occupied Western Sahara, pointing to the inaction of the Security Council and the General Secretariat.

For the Sahrawi people, "the inaction of the UN Secretariat and the Security Council" in the face of "Morocco's repeated transgressions has seriously undermined the credibility and impartiality of the UN and its mission (...) It is therefore essential that the Security Council fully respect the

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letter and spirit of the ceasefire and related military agreements," the Polisario Front demands in its statement.

Advocating the expansion of Minurso mandate to include human rights monitoring, the Polisario Front stresses the need for the UN to "operate in accordance with peacekeeping principles."

"It is unacceptable that Minurso remains an exception at a time when the promotion and protection of human rights is becoming a priority in all UN peace operations," concluded the Front.

Algeria to review relation strategic partners, says Boukadoum

ALGIERS - Foreign Minister Sabri Boukadoum said that Algeria's relations with its strategic partners will be reviewed so they preserve the interests of the country, saying to emphasize "effectiveness and pragmatism over controversy and announcement effects."

The "relations with Algeria's strategic partners will be reviewed, in order to provide a counterweight," the Minister said in an interview with El Djeich magazine.

The "considerations of pragmatism and the protection of the interests of our country should henceforth be the priority in the relations with Algeria's foreign partners, as part of a (win-win) approach," said the Minister in this interview to the monthly review of the National People's Army (ANP).

Sabri Boukadoum stressed that the Algerian diplomacy has always "emphasized efficiency over controversy and empty announcement effects."

Our diplomacy "will also work to promote the dynamics of cooperation, partnership and integration in all groups, to which Algeria belongs, namely the Maghreb, the Sahel, and Africa, the Arab world, the Islamic Ummah and the Mediterranean area.

The Minister told the Army magazine El Djeich that our diplomats are "mobilized like peacekeepers to contribute to the next stages of the national renewal led by the President of the Republic".

"The diplomacy of any State is only a mirror reflecting the situation which prevails there and the degree of harmony of its home front and the solidity of its institutions," said Boukadoum.

Algeria has "strongly regained" its place at the regional and international level, said the minister, explaining that this was "the outcome of a new era that Algeria is experiencing through the president of the Republic's plan to build a new Republic based on an effective foreign policy that serves the interests of the State."

This confirms "the importance of preserving the national consensus around foreign policy" as "an important asset" for the diplomatic apparatus and for all the institutions involved in the implementation of foreign policy.

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It also embodies an asset to be developed in order to "strengthen Algeria's positions and its achievements in international forums," he said.

"We are convinced that the Algerian diplomacy, with its rich history of achievements, will continue its tireless work to implement the major trends and priorities of foreign policy, with particular attention to Africa, and to increase our presence and our influence in the Sahel and Maghreb regions," concluded the Minister.

MISCELLANEOUS

SPORT

World Handball Championship 2021: Algeria in Group F

CAIRO (Egypt) - Algeria is in Group F at the Men's World Handball Championship 2021 in Egypt, which also includes Portugal, according to the results of the draw held Saturday evening at the foot of the pyramids of Giza near Cairo.

The Algerian team will also compete against Iceland and Morocco in the preliminary round of the competition, the final stage of which will take place on January 13-31.

This 27th edition will involve, for the first time, 32 nations to compete in four groups of six teams. The first three teams of each group will qualify for next round.

The top two selections from each pool will qualify for the quarter-finals.

International Military Games in Russia: President Tebboune congratulates military team

ALGIERS - President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune on Sunday congratulated the national military team that partook in the 6th International Military Games held on 25 August-05 September in Pskov (Russia).

"I offer my warm congratulations to you, brave men, for deservedly winning the first places in the sporting events of the International Military Games in Russia, where you showed, once against, a high sense of combativeness and a high-level training among armies from the whole world," twitted the President of the Republic.

"Remain the best representatives of Algeria and our valiant army, worthy heir of the National Liberation Army," he concluded.

Football Cup of Algeria 2020 cancelled

ALGIERS - The Algerian Football Cup 2019-2020, suspended last March due to the Coronavirus pandemic (Covid-19), has been canceled, the Algerian Federation (FAF) told APS on Sunday.

"During a meeting held on Sunday with the clubs still in the competition, we decided to cancel the current edition of the Algerian Cup," Larbi Oumamar, member of the Bureau, told APS.

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The decision is expected to be validated on Tuesday at the meeting of the Bureau.

The popular event was suspended last March, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, at the end of the quarter-finals (first leg) played on March 10 and 11.

The teams that were involved are ES Sétif, CABB Arreridj, WA Boufarik, US Biskra, Paradou AC, USM Bel-Abbès, ASM Oran, and A Boussaâda.