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DOMESTIC NEWS

Illegal migration: 755 people rescued last week

ALGIERS - Units of the Coastguards intercepted and rescued 755 illegal migrants in various operations in our territorial waters on 20-25 September while the same units recovered the bodies of three of them, the National Defence Ministry announced Saturday in a communiqué.

“As part of the continuation of the efforts of our Naval Forces to address the scourge of illegal migration, units of the Coastguards carried out various operations in our territorial waters between September 20 and 25, 2020. They intercepted and rescued 755 persons who were trying to take to the sea illegally while three (03) remains of illegal migrants whose boat capsized were recovered,” said the source.

It should be noted that the floating search and rescue units carried out these operations as follows:

- Central Seafront: Interception and rescue of 340 illegal migrants.
- Western Seafront: Interception and rescue of 343 illegal migrants.
- Eastern Seafront: Interception and rescue of 72 illegal migrants.

These operations "reflect the efforts made by our Naval Forces in their missions, especially those of a humanitarian nature, and the safeguarding of the security of citizens", said the communiqué.

Constitutional revision marks “qualitative leap” in rights, freedoms

ALGIERS - The constitutional revision, which will be submitted to a popular referendum on 01 November 2020, marks a “qualitative leap” in human rights and makes the “New Algeria” slogan claimed by the popular movement (Hirak) “a constitutionalized reality,” affirmed Saturday Chairman of the National Human Rights Council (CNDH) Bouzid Lazhari.

“The constitutional revision, initiated by the President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune, marks a significant qualitative leap in terms of rights and freedoms, making the slogan “New Algeria” claimed by the original people's Hirak (popular movement) a constitutionalized reality, especially as human rights receive special attention, starting with the preamble of the Constitution,” stressed Lazhari in an interview with APS.

The preamble includes "a new paragraph which provides for the commitment of Algeria to human rights as stipulated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights", in addition to "the commitment to peace, human rights and development", he continued.

The preamble "sends a strong signal on the philosophy of power in Algeria which is based on the respect and promotion of human rights,” said the CNDH chairman.

The same speaker referred to “the enshrinement of a Title for human rights in the new Constitution" by increasing the number of articles from 30 in the Constitution of 2016 to 39 (Art

34 to Art 73). In this Title, it is stated "new rights such as the right to life, to drinking water, the right of the citizen to file complaints with public authorities and administrations."

Lazhari affirmed that the new Constitution had ensured "the strengthening" of other rights such as "freedom of movement outside the national territory, the freedom of the press, including the electronic press, the consolidation of the State's duty towards vulnerable categories, the adoption of the simple declaration instead of authorization to guarantee the right to peaceful demonstrations and the creation of associations."

ECONOMIC NEWS

Increasing electricity, gas prices doesn't concern ordinary customers

SKIKDA - Minister of Energy Abdelmadjid Attar said Friday, in Skikda, that the rise in electricity and gas prices "doesn't concern ordinary customers."

"Ordinary customers are not concerned by the strategy of increasing electricity and gas prices," said the minister, in the presentation of a report on the energy sector and petrochemical activities in the province of Skikda, held at the conference hall of the gas liquefaction complex, denying all what has been reported by some newspapers and social networks in this regard.

"Increasing prices will concern some sectors, like those for industrial use and large sectors of tourism and others," he added.

While broaching the natural gas coverage in the province of Skikda, estimated at 38%, Attar considered that this percentage remains "very weak" compared to the national rate which reaches 68%.

For his part, Chief Executive Officer of Sonelgaz Group Chaher Boulakhras said that "the rate of connection to the natural gas networks in the province of Skikda has reached 55%, pointing out that the fact that some customers haven't made connections inside their houses has affected the coverage rate."

He underlined that "out of 38 communes in the province of Skikda, 30 benefitted from connection to the gas network, while the connection works are underway in seven other local collectivities."

The minister underlined that "the new priority for the energy sector is supplying the inhabitants of grey areas with this vital energy," pointing out the pressure exerted on Sonelgaz Group to supply grey areas as soon as possible."

Concerning the petrochemical activities, the head and director general of Sonatrach Toufik Hakkar said that "the industrial zone of Skikda is saturated and can't host all the activities, proposing the creation of new industrial areas."

Algerian Embassy in Windhoek

Innovation: El Mahdi Oualid honors young high school students winners of international robotics competition

ALGIERS - Minister Delegate to the Prime Minister in charge of Knowledge Economy and Startups Yacine El-Mahdi Oualid received Saturday in Algiers a team of young high school students, winners of an international robotics competition organized by South Korea, who participated with an innovative project of intelligent farm.

"I am pleased to receive these young students. I can say that Algeria has great talent and the future of our country is in good hands," said the Minister Delegate in a press briefing on the sidelines of this ceremony, stressing that "learning programming languages has become a necessity."

According to him, the 4th industrial revolution involves reviewing "in a fundamental way the science to be taught to our children, the delegate minister stressed the importance of giving these young people the means to compete with the most advanced countries in the world in terms of technology.

El-Mahdi Oualid said that his ministerial department has "several Fablab projects to implement so that these young people can give free rein to their imagination."

He also expressed the wish to see this type of experience replicated in other provinces of the country.

FOREIGN POLICY NEWS

Settlement of crisis in Mali: M5 Movement leader commends Algeria's efforts

ALGIERS - Leader of the Malian Movement M5 Imam Mahmoud Dicko on Saturday commended the efforts Algeria spent to settle the crisis in Mali and called Algeria's stance since the beginning of this crisis "honourable."

"I thank Algeria and the Algerian Government, headed by President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune, for the brotherly and friendly efforts spent in favour of the Malian people and we appreciate them," Dicko told the Algerian Radio.

After emphasizing "the quality of relations between the two peoples and countries," he assured that "Algeria's position is honourable and respectable since the beginning of the crisis Mali goes through and we hail the stance of the Algerian people and Government on behalf of the Malian people."

The leader of the Malian Movement M5 said that Algeria played a "key" role in the implementation of the provisions of the Algiers Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation in Mali.

"I also hail the support of Algeria to the resolution of the crisis in Mali," he continued.

MISCELLANEOUS

SPORT

Football/Friendly: Algeria-Nigeria on 9 October in Austria

ALGIERS - The Algerian football team will face their Nigerian counterparts on Friday 9 October at Jacques Lemans Arena Stadium in Sankt Veit an der Glan, in Austria, at 8.30 p.m., announced Friday the Algerian Federation FAF on its website.

The two teams will play against each other fifteen months after their match won by Algeria (2-1), in the semi-finals of the last Africa Cup of Nations CAN-2019 in Egypt.

“Pending the official confirmation of the second match of the Algerian team that will not take a long time, this latter will face Nigeria on Friday 9 October 2020 at 8.30 p.m.

The Algerian and Nigerian Federations wanted to organize this match in anticipation of the preparations of the two nations for the next sporting events,” said FAF in a communiqué.