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DOMESTIC NEWS

President Tebboune offers condolences to family of Said Amara

ALGIERS - President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune sent a condolence message to the family of mujahed (war veteran) and football player of the National Liberation Front (FLN) team, Said Amara, who passed away on Sunday aged 87, said the Presidency of the Republic in a communiqué.

He referred to the qualities and major achievements of the late president and his services in favour of national sports clubs, as well as his militant career during the National Liberation War, said a statement of the Presidency of the Republic.

"Following the death of the mujahed and football player of the FLN football team and coach, Said Amara, may Allah rest his soul, the President of the Republic, Abdelmadjid Tebboune sent a message of condolence to the family of the deceased, in which he referred to the qualities and high achievements of the late and his services in favour of national sports clubs," said the communiqué.

President Tebboune also hailed the militant career of late Said Amara in the ranks of the FLN team during the glorious war of national liberation to publicize the struggle of the Algerian people against the French occupation and extend the circle of its supporters abroad, the same source said.

COVID-19 NEWS

Covid-19: 9,536 Algerians repatriated until 30 July

ALGIERS - The second step of the repatriation operations of Algerian citizens stranded abroad on 20-30 July concerned 9,536 citizens from 32 countries aboard 42 flights and two sea crossings, said Sunday Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Abdelaziz Benali Cherif.

The following details the flights and number of citizens repatriated from 28 to 30 July 2020 (some flights landed on 31 July):

28 July 2020 (continuation)

- Repatriation of 215 citizens to Algiers International Airport aboard two flights from Montpellier (France).
- Repatriation of 151 citizens to Algiers International Airport from Paris (France).
- Repatriation of 303 citizens to Algiers International Airport from London (United Kingdom).
- Repatriation of 102 citizens to Oran Airport from Kiev (Ukraine).

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29 July 2020:

- Repatriation of 305 citizens to Bejaia Airport aboard two flights from Marseille (France).
- Repatriation of 153 citizens to Constantine Airport from Lyon (France).

30 July 2020

- Repatriation of 129 citizens to Oran Airport from Moscow (Russia).
- Repatriation of 203 citizens to Algiers International Airport from Doha (Qatar).
- Repatriation of 235 citizens to Algiers International Airport from Washington (United States).

The spokesperson of the Foreign Ministry announced the decision “to repatriate other Algerians stranded in Tunisia as from 3 August through land border posts.”

“This operation concerns Algerian nationals who came to Tunisia from other countries as well as Tunisian nationals and foreigners living in Algeria, i.e. more than 500 people that should be repatriated under this operation. Our embassy and consular representations in Tunisia work to prepare the lists according to standards set by the relevant authorities,” said the same official.

“All repatriation operations under the second step took place in good conditions thanks to the efforts made by various stakeholders, ministries, security corps and transport companies,” he continued.

“The third step is expected to start on 5 August 2020 according to the program set by our ministry,” announced Benali Cherif.

The FM spokesman also said that “the gap between the number of citizens already repatriated from abroad and the number of citizens scheduled at the launch of the operation is due to the fact that some of them had missed their boarding, due to unforeseen circumstances, while others voluntarily chose not to return to Algeria at the last minute.”

ECONOMIC NEWS

Social security: Krikou announces major national campaign

TAMANRASSET (Algeria) - Minister of National Solidarity, the Family and Women’s Affairs, as well as Interim Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Security Kaoutar Krikou announced on Monday, in Tamanrasset, the launching of a national campaign to promote national security enrollment.

Speaking during a working and inspection visit to a number of establishments and centers belonging to the two sectors of National Solidarity and Labour, Employment and Social Security, Krikou said that his sector was in the process of preparing a major national campaign to raise awareness of the need for affiliation to social security funds, adding that the current health circumstances had highlighted the need for it.

“The repercussions of the Corona virus pandemic have highlighted the need for social security coverage for artisans and all those engaged in an activity,” she said.

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The Minister also considered that "the new policy is based on the development of means and mechanisms of systematic affiliation to social security funds," calling on all craftsmen to join the social security bodies in order to "benefit from the benefits provided."

National solidarity: Integrating vulnerable groups in economic development

TAMANRASSET - Minister of National Solidarity, Family and Women's Affairs, Interim Minister of Labor, Employment and Social Security Kaoutar Krikou affirmed that the sector's new policy is based on the integration of vulnerable groups into the economic development, by providing them training and support to benefit from credits from the National Agency of Micro-credit Management (ANGEM).

In a visit paid Monday to the province of Tamanrasset, the minister said that the sector of national solidarity is mainly based on "extending the use of technology through digitization of all the data related to the sector to determine the beneficiaries and the nature of the granted aid" citing "the creation of several electronic services to inform about old people in distress and homeless people, in addition to the service of family consultations for the families affected by the new corona virus."

Since the outbreak of Covid-19, "several prevention measures against this pandemic have been taken in the elderly centers and establishments for children in distress," she said.

"No fatality has been reported in these centers so far," said Krikou who hailed the efforts made by the sector's workers to protect this group.

Concerning the sector of Labor, Employment and Social Security, the minister announced the launch of "a national campaign to raise awareness about the need to affiliate to CASNOS and promote the advantages and rights, from which those affiliated to this fund and others coming under the sector, can benefit."

Business parks exclusively devoted to microenterprises to be created soon

CONSTANTINE - Deputy Minister for Microenterprises Nassim Diafat announced Monday, in Constantine, the "forthcoming creation of business parks exclusively devoted to the Microenterprises as an accompanying measure that will allow these entities to confirm their capacities on the ground and participate in the strengthening of the country's economy."

While underlining the constraint of land "which often hinders the execution of economic projects initiated by microenterprises coming under the National Agency for Support of Youth Employment (ANSEJ), the minister announced, in a meeting with the heads of microenterprises, the forthcoming creation of business parks devoted to these entities, considered among the strongest links of the national economy.

While reiterating the State's commitment to accompanying the companies coming under ANSEJ through a series of measures, including training, granting of operating credits, restructuring of bank and tax debts and the elimination of late penalties, Diafat said that the creation of business

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parks for microenterprises will enable giving a new impetus to these companies and “stimulating this mechanism to improve its productivity for the national economy.”

In this respect, he pointed out that his department’s strategy concerning the microenterprises heads towards “an economic approach promoting the investment in all the industrial and agricultural niches.”

He said that efforts are being made in accordance with the instructions given by the President of the Republic to smooth away the obstacles as well as the administrative and financial difficulties which hinder the development and longevity of microenterprises.

FOREIGN POLICY NEWS

Conditions to exercise cross-border barter trade with Mali, Niger set

ALGIERS - The conditions for exercising cross-border barter trade and the list of goods to be traded with the Republic of Mali and the Republic of Niger have been set by an inter-ministerial order published in the Official Gazette N44.

"The cross-border barter trade is of an exceptional nature and is intended to facilitate the supply of supplies only to the populations, who reside in the provinces of Adrar, Illizi, Tamanrasset and Tindouf," according to the order signed on 2 July jointly by the Minister of Trade, Kamel Rezig and the Minister of Finance, Aymen Benabderrahmane.

Repealing the provisions of the 1994 decree laying down the modalities for carrying on barter trade on the border with Niger and Mali, the new text stipulates that this activity may be carried on by any natural or legal person residing in the provinces concerned, registered in the trade register, as a wholesaler and having storage facilities and means of transport for goods, suitable for ownership or rental.

The list of wholesalers authorized to carry out border barter trade operations shall be drawn up annually by order of the governor concerned, who may also withdraw the authorization to carry out border barter trade from traders who have not carried out import and export operations during the year in question and who have not complied with commercial, customs and tax laws and regulations, veterinary regulations in force.

The admission of imported goods into the national territory shall be subject to compliance with the veterinary rules and requirements, in accordance with this text, stating that the goods, which are the subject of barter trade, must not present a risk to the health of the consumer.

Imported goods, in the context of border barter trade, give rise to the subscription of a declaration of release for consumption accompanied by a commitment to export Algerian products, within three months.

Extensions may be granted for a maximum period of three months, which may not be extended.

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The amount of products purchased for export may not exceed the amount declared on entry.

Export operations carried out in the context of frontier trade shall be the subject of an export declaration to which shall be annexed a copy of the declaration of release for consumption of the imported goods and the purchase invoices for the products to be exported.

These documents must accompany the trader until they cross the border.

However, when the export precedes the import, the wholesaler must give a guaranteed undertaking to import the goods, which are the subject of trade, within a period not exceeding three months.

"The bond is equal to ten percent (10%) of the value of the exported goods," said the source. On the other hand, imported goods, within the framework of border barter trade, cannot be traded outside the territorial limits of the provinces of Adrar, Illizi, Tamanrasset and Tindouf.

New Zealand urged to stop illegal importation of Sahrawi phosphates

WELLINGTON - Representative of the Polisario Front in Australia and New Zealand, Kamal Fadel, urged New Zealand to stop imports of Saharawi phosphates, saying that this illegal trade only "prolongs" the Moroccan occupation and thus "the repression of the Sahrawi people."

"It's time for you to stop what you're doing. They cannot continue to promote the occupation," the Sahrawi diplomat said on Sunday during a program on New Zealand's national television, "Channel 3", on the illegal exploitation of Sahrawi phosphate.

Recalling the occupation of this Non-Self-Governing Territory by Morocco, Kamal Fadel noted that only New Zealand companies are currently involved in these illegal commercial activities after American, Canadian, Norwegian and many other companies have stopped buying this mineral.

For the Saharawi representative, this is "looting" carried out without the consent of the Saharawi people, deploring the fact that New Zealand companies are contributing to this theft to date by buying an ore "stolen tainted with the blood of the Saharawi people".

MISCELLANEOUS

3.3-magnitude quake shakes Tipaza

ALGIERS - A 3.3 magnitude quake on the Richter scale shook the province of Tipaza on Sunday at 07:13 p.m., announced the Research Centre in Astronomy, Astrophysics and Geophysics (CRAAG) in a press release.

The epicenter of the quake was located 2km south-east of Cherchel, said the same source.