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DOMESTIC NEWS

Eid al-Adha: More than 30 veterinarians mobilized to supervise slaughter in Ouargla

OUARGLA - On the occasion of Eid al Adha, more than 30 veterinarians from the public and private sectors have been mobilized in the province of Ouargla to supervise slaughter operations, according to the local Directorate of Agricultural Services (DSA).

These veterinarians are called upon to ensure the control of slaughter operations throughout the province, in application of a national system aimed at preventing any risk of pathology among livestock and to preserve the health of citizens," said the source.

COVID-19 NEWS

Covid-19: Situation of hospitals is "improving," says Benbouzid

ALGIERS - The situation of hospitals has "stabilized and it is constantly improving," said Minister of Health, Population and Hospital Reform, Abderrahmane Benbouzid, who visited on Friday certain hospitals in Algiers, on the occasion of El-Aïd El Adha.

Following the new measures taken to combat the Covid19 pandemic spread and care for patients with the virus, the situation in hospitals has "stabilized and it is constantly improving," said the Minister.

According to Benbouzid, who was accompanied by Deputy Minister for Hospital Reform, Ismail Mesbah and the Ministry's Director for Public Health Yala Abderrahim, "the hospitals have less pressure given the availability of beds."

Since June 10th, the health ministry has approved a new strategy based on the reduction of patients' admission duration to five (5) days and the detection of cases requiring longer hospitalization according to the degree of severity and complexity, by subjecting asymptomatic cases to medical monitoring outside the hospital.

The new measures have provided more than 3,000 additional beds since the start of June, bringing the total number to 13,395 beds, in addition to increasing treatment resources and screening equipment.

ECONOMIC NEWS

Banking and tax measures to assist youth companies in difficulty

ALGIERS - Minister of Finance Aymen Benabderrahmane, announced a set of measures for the companies in difficulty, created as part of the National Agency for the Support of Youth

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Employment (Ansej). These measures include the granting of operating loans, rescheduling of bank and tax debts and the elimination of late payment penalties.

"After marathon discussions between all the parties, the ministry of Finance approved on Wednesday evening a set of solutions to the financial, fiscal and banking problems, which hampered the sustainability of micro-enterprises created as part of the ANSEJ," the minister told during a joint press conference with deputy minister for micro-enterprises, Nassim Diafat.

The companies still in activity and which face difficulty to refund banking loans will receive financing for their operating cycle, through banks and in accordance with the rules in terms of loans granting.

The bank debts will also be rescheduled, through simplified procedures, the related late payment penalties cancelled and the interest rates reduced to 100%, he added.

Agriculture: Algeria is able to develop strategic sectors in the South

ALGIERS - Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Abdelhamid Hamdani, has highlighted Algeria's assets and capacities for the development of strategic sectors in the South, particularly oil-seed and sugar crops, which will help reduce the bill for their import which currently exceeds 1.5 billion USD.

The roadmap deals with sensitive issues, mainly the improvement of cereal production through supplementary irrigation, which will reduce the import bill, he said.

The Minister also said that the second axis is concerned with the development of Saharan agriculture, particularly for strategic sectors, which have an impact on the national economy in terms of imports.

"The aim is to move towards sugar and oil-seed production, especially maize and sugar beet, whose import bill currently stands at \$1.5 billion," the minister added.

Algeria has the assets and capacities needed for the production of these materials, especially in the Saharan regions, adding that "all studies conducted in this context, using new technologies and with the assistance of the space agency, show that we can devote at least one million hectares to these crops, he concluded.

FOREIGN POLICY NEWS

Eid al-Adha: President Tebboune receives phone calls from several presidents

ALGIERS - President Abdelmadjid Tebboune received, on Thursday, on the occasion of Eid al-Adha, phone calls from presidents, who wished him excellent health, and the Algerian people more progress and prosperity, the Presidency of the Republic said in a statement.

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"These phone calls are respectively from MMS. Mahmoud Abbas, President of the State of Palestine, Kaïs Saïed, President of the Republic of Tunisia, Abdel Fattah Al-Sissi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Tamim Bin Hamed Al Thani, principle of the State of Qatar, Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nihyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dahbi, Supreme Chief of the Armed Forces of the State of the United Arab Emirates (UAE)," said the source.

President Tebboune "expressed his thanks to his brothers and sisters and in turn extended to them his congratulations and best wishes," the source concluded.

President of Sahrawi Red Crescent calls for rapid delivery of aids to Sahrawi refugees

CHAHID EL HAFEDH - President of the Sahrawi Red Crescent Bouhbini Yahia on Thursday appealed to donor countries to accelerate the delivery of aid to Sahrawi refugees in the camps, faced with decreasing food stocks and the Covid-19 pandemic.

"The response to the appeal launched by international organizations, in coordination with the Sahrawi Red Crescent, has so far brought only 20% of the needs, and therefore, we are very far from meeting all the demand," Bouhbini told APS.

"This is why we appeal, once again, to donor countries for the rapid delivery of aid aimed at combating Coronavirus, which has now hit the refugee camps," he stressed, adding that this situation "requires many measures and other precautions, and we desperately need these contributions and donations at this very critical period."

He said that confronted with the spread of the pandemic in the world and the decline in aid from donor countries and the delay recorded in the delivery of certain products, the Sahrawi Red Crescent has been forced, in recent months, to use stocks.

"Today, we have a stock of some commodities which is enough only for three months," he said.

"Currently, we are talking about a pandemic which can be longer and a possible second wave of it, which requires a chain of efficient WFP supply and this relies on contributions from donor countries," he added.

Algeria had offered 300 tons of aid to Sahrawi refugees through caravans organized by the Algerian Red Crescent (CRA).

MISCELLANEOUS

Virtual exhibition of Algerian artist Hachemi Ameer

ALGIERS - The Algerian Agency for Cultural Outreach (AARC) organized a virtual exhibition of visual artist Hachemi Ameer, highlighting his works and his daily life as an artist during the lockdown imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic spread.

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The Agency posted a video showing the artist Hachemi Ameer in his studio based in Mostaganem, where several of his works are presented, made on canvas, paper and cardboard, during the lockdown period.

These works are mainly portraits reflecting the "anxiety" of human beings in the face of the pandemic spread.

The artist says the confinement inspired him to highlight men and women in their various states of mind during difficult time for all mankind.

During his career of more than 30 years, he exhibited in the largest galleries in Algeria and in foreign countries, in particular France, United States, Iran and Venezuela.