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DOMESTIC NEWS

President Tebboune inspects seismic system of Great Mosque of Algiers

ALGIERS - President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune on Thursday inspected the earthquake-proof system of the Great Mosque of Algiers.

During his working and inspection visit to the Great Mosque of Algiers, the President of the Republic listened to explanations on the earthquake-proof system installed at the bottom of the building to absorb up to 70% of the power of the tremors.

Designed to protect this urban and cultural monument from possible seismic disasters, the system offers an 80-year guarantee. According to the details provided by staff on the spot, the earthquake-proof system will be periodically checked to ensure its effectiveness at all times.

President Tebboune begins working visit to Great Mosque of Algiers

ALGIERS - President of Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune on Thursday began a working and inspection visit to the Great Mosque of Algiers in El-Mohammadia (Algiers).

Upon his arrival at the Great Mosque, President Tebboune was received by President of the People's National Assembly (Lower House) Slimane Chenine, Prime Minister Abdelaziz Djerrad, Minister of Interior, Local Authorities and National Planning Kamel Beldjoud, the Adviser to the Presidency of the Republic Abdelhafidh Allahoum and Minister Adviser for Communication, Official Spokesman for the Presidency of the Republic Belaid Mohand Oussaïd.

Minister of Religious Affairs Youcef Belmehdi, Minister of Housing, Urban Planning and the City Kamel Nasri, President of the High Islamic Council (HCI) Bouabdallah Ghlamallah and the Governor of Algiers Youcef Cherfa also attended the visit of the Head of the State.

President Tebboune inaugurates Army site Club in Ain Naadja

ALGIERS - President of the Republic Abdelmadjid, Supreme Chief of the Armed Forces, Minister of National Defence, on Thursday inaugurated the Club of the site of the People's National Army (ANP) in Ain Naadja, under the First Military Region.

At the entrance to the site, President Tebboune was welcomed by Lieutenant General Said Chanegriha, Chief of Staff of the ANP, accompanied by Army General Ali Ben Ali, Commander of the Republican Guard, the Secretary General of the Ministry of National Defense, commanders of the armed forces, the Commander of the 1st Military Region, heads of departments and central directors.

After listening to the national anthem, the President of the Republic received honours from various ANP units.

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The three-star club, whose inauguration on Thursday coincides with the National Day of the Mujahed, is intended for non-commissioned officers, officers and staff of the ANP. It houses an 84-room hotel, a conference room, two multipurpose rooms, three stadiums, recreational areas and a theatre.

After this stage, President Tebboune is expected to make an inspection and working visit to the Great Mosque of Algiers.

Official inauguration of Algiers Great Mosque to take place on November 1

ALGIERS - President of the Republic, Abdelmadjid Tebboune, announced Thursday that the official inauguration of the Great Mosque of Algiers will take place on November 1, which will coincide with the 66th anniversary of the outbreak of the National Liberation War.

President Tebboune was on a working visit to the Great Mosque of Algiers where he inspected the various compartments of the Mosque, the third largest building of its kind in the world after those of Mecca and Medina.

President of Republic inspects different structures of Algiers Great Mosque

ALGIERS - President of the Republic, Abdelmadjid Tebboune, paid on Thursday a working visit to the Great Mosque of Algiers, during which he inspected different structures of this religious, cultural and scientific building.

The President began his visit by inspecting the Prayer Hall of the Great Mosque of Algiers, where he performed the first prayer (Tahiyat El Massdjid), on this blessed day of the 1st Muharram of the Hidjri New Year 1442.

During his visit, the President stressed the importance of preserving the prayer hall, made of local raw materials, while insisting on the need to safeguard its various components.

Upon his arrival at the Great Mosque, President Tebboune was greeted by Acting President of the Council of the Nation, Salah Gujil, Speaker of People's National Assembly (NPA), Slimane Chenine, Prime Minister, Abdelaziz Djerrad, Minister of the Interior and Local Authorities, Kamel Beldjoud, Adviser to the Presidency of the Republic, Abdelhafidh Allahoum, Minister Counsellor for Communication, official spokesman of the Presidency of the Republic, Belaïd Mohand Oussaïd.

The visit was also marked by the presence of of Minister of Religious Affairs and Waqfs, Youcef Belmehdi, Minister of Housing, Urban Planning and the City, Kamel Nasri, President of the High Islamic Council (HCI), Bouabdallah Ghlamallah, as well as Algiers governor Youcef Cherfa.

Army Site Club, minimum for Army officers and NCOs, says Tebboune

ALGIERS - President of the Republic, Abdelmadjid Tebboune, Supreme Chief of the Armed Forces, Minister of National Defense affirmed, Thursday in Ain Naadja (Algiers) that the

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National Army Site Club, under the First Military Region, was "the minimum to offer to the officers and non-commissioned officers of the People's National Army (ANP)."

The inauguration of the Club, on the occasion of the National Day of Mujahedeen, that such projects were "the minimum to offer to the officers and non-commissioned officers of the People's National Army (ANP)," after all their efforts in protecting the borders and defending the integrity of the country.

Rated three stars, the Circle, which was the first stop on the working and inspection visit of the President of the Republic, is intended for the benefit of non-commissioned officers, officers and personnel of the ANP. It houses a hotel with 84 rooms, two masses, a conference room, two multipurpose rooms, three stadiums, recreational areas and a theatre.

Algeria embarks on new era of its history

TIZI OUZOU - Algeria embarks today on a new era of its history, said Thursday, in Iboudrarene (south of Tizi Ouzou) acting Speaker of the Council of the Nation Salah Goudjil on the occasion of the celebration of the National Mujahed Day.

Speaking in the ceremony inaugurating the statute of the colonel Amirouche Ait Hamouda, Goudjil considered that Algeria "went through the toughest and embarks on a new era of its history," calling on young people to join efforts to build the new Algeria.

Underlining, in this respect, "the outstretched hand" of President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune, after his swearing-in for "the construction of a new Republic," he urged young people "to get involved in the preservation of the State and building of this new Algeria to which everyone will contribute and protect."

Goudjil said that "one should make the difference between the State, that must be strong and stable, and the government which changes according to the people's choice," while insisting on "the need to preserve the State and build an Algeria that will be for all its children."

He said that colonel Amirouche "was a mujaheed of a national stature and dimension who placed the national unity above any other considerations."

Concerning the Congress of Soummam, held 64 years ago in Ifri-Ouzellaguen, Goudjil said that "even if the historic Province I couldn't take part in this event, it supported the resolutions of the Congress which unified the organization of the Revolution nationwide."

High-level scientific body, big firm for management of Great Mosque

ALGIERS - President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune, on a working and inspection visit to the Great Mosque of Algiers, Thursday, stressed the need to create a high-level scientific body and a big firm to manage the complex, to be inaugurated on November 1st.

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During a visit to inspect the mosque complex, coinciding with the celebration of the New Year of the Hegira (Muslim calendar) and the National Mujahed Day, President Tebboune said "the inauguration of the Great Mosque will take place on November 1st."

The president of the Republic has instructed the minister of Religious Affairs to proceed with the establishment of a "high-ranking scientific body," which will take charge of the scientific aspect of the Great Mosque.

He called for involving great institutes of the world, provided that our national religious references, based on moderation and the "middle way," are respected.

President Tebboune also gave guidelines on coordination with the prime minister to establish a contract with a big firm for the maintenance of all the buildings of the mosque complex.

"Maintaining the third largest mosque in the world, after those of the two Holy Places of Islam (in Mecca and Medina) requires a firm equal to that which manages one of the two holy places of Islam."

ECONOMIC NEWS

Outlook for oil market give cause for “cautious optimism”

ALGIERS - Energy Minister and Chairman of the Conference of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) Abdelmadjid Attar said Wednesday that the outlook for the international oil market gave because for a “cautious and measured optimism,” said the Ministry’s communiqué.

“On the one hand, the economic recovery is tangible, oil demand is increasing and world oil stocks are falling. But, on the other hand, the possibility of a second wave of the pandemic cannot be ruled out, with a negative impact on economic activity and the world oil demand,” said Attar.

The minister was speaking at the 21st meeting of the Joint Ministerial Monitoring Committee (JMMC), held by videoconference, said the communiqué

The JMMC meeting, preceded by a meeting of the Joint Technical Committee (JTC) that brought together members of the JMMC, discussed the situation of the oil market and its long-term prospects. The JMMC listened to the JTC report on the outlook for the oil market.

The historical agreement between OPEC and Non-OPEC countries in April “avoided a collapse of the oil market with catastrophic consequences on producers and the global economy,” recalled Attar. The adoption of a compensation mechanism in June added further credibility to the efforts made so far. The signatory countries of the Declaration of Cooperation must respect their commitments in order to rebalance the oil market, stressed Attar.

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Workshop on investment recommends business environment monitoring mechanism

ALGIERS - The participants in a workshop on the facilitation of investment, held as part of the Conference on Economic Recovery, advocated the creation of a body to monitor the business environment under the authority of the Prime Minister.

This workshop, chaired by the Minister Delegate in charge of Foresight, and whose final report was presented at the end of the Conference, also recommended the establishment of a one-stop shop under the Prime Minister or an inter-ministerial committee with broad prerogatives.

The key recommendations of the workshop consist in strengthening the role of the National Agency for Investment Development (ANDI) as an interlocutor with the administrations concerned by investment, and broadening its prerogatives locally, notably through virtual interfaces.

As for investment financing, the participants called for the application of economically attractive and acceptable interest rates according to the sector and within the framework of a performance contract, as well as the strengthening of the National Investment Fund as a development bank, by opening up the eligibility of significant private investments to the fund's financing, particularly SMEs.

The participants also suggested facilitating the transfer of dividends to attract direct investment from the private sector.

Industry: Reflection to open capital of some public companies

ALGIERS - Minister of Industry, Ferhat Ali Braham said Wednesday in Algiers, that a "reflection" regarding the opening of the capital of some public companies through public and private savings, had been initiated.

In statements to the press at the end of the National Conference on the Economic Recovery Plan, the Minister indicated that the Government "has just begun to consider the opening up of the capital of certain public groups and their financing as part of an integrated restructuring plan", adding that in the past, the banks had in the past financed the deficit of public groups, but the Government now intends to give a new impetus to these groups through recourse to public and private savings.

According to the Minister, some of these companies have effective economic projects capable of attracting public savings, but otherwise "their presence on the market would be called into question." More explicitly, Ait Ali Braham said that any action in this direction would depend on the operation of calculating assets and liabilities and market research, conducted by his department. Some companies encounter problems in the marketing of their products and not in management, he added.

The abrogation of the preferential regime that existed in favour of assembly activities will enable economic groups to improve their situation, the minister continued, recalling that the revival of

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the national industry does not depend only on public groups, but also on the private sector and public/private partnerships.

FOREIGN POLICY NEWS

Parliament Speakers' Conference: Need to preserve international cooperation amidst crises

ALGIERS - Speakers of the Parliaments affirmed Thursday, in the final communiqué culminating the works of their 5th Conference, that peace is an essential element to preserve the international cooperation, sustainable development and solidarity amidst the crises caused by the pandemics in the world, said a communiqué of the People's National Assembly.

All the parties to the conflict were called, in the final declaration of the Conference unanimously adopted via videoconference, to “end conflicts, respect the international law and the principles of peaceful cohabitation and ensure that the diplomatic efforts under the aegis of the United Nations prevail,” insisting on the need to “respect the law as the foundation of the international regime based on solidarity and cooperation while respecting the territorial integrity of the countries, their sovereignty and the non-interference in their domestic affairs and ensuring equity and mutual interest.”

The Parliaments' speakers stressed the importance of “dialogue, of taking appropriate measures able to end conflicts and promote dialogue and cooperation,” underlining the urgent need to “respond to the call of the United Nations Secretary General in March 2020 concerning the global ceasefire. This call was adopted by the UN Security Council in the resolution 2532 of 1 July, through which this latter calls to the immediate cessation of conflicts.”

The final communiqué of the Conference emphasized “the objectives and principles of UN Charter and the need for UN to remain the corner stone of any international joint, strong and efficient action, and for the parliaments to be an example to follow in the promotion of the multilateral action and the defense of an international order based on UN, while calling the international community to seize the opportunity of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations to consider ways to reform and strengthen UN system.”

MISCELLANEOUS

CULTURE

"The salt of all oblivion," Yasmina Khadra's new novel

ALGIERS - In his recently published novel "The Salt of all oblivion," writer Yasmina Khadra invites her readers on a saving journey, to meet the human being, to heal the wounds of the soul and the heart and to rebuild themselves by overcoming the trials of life.

This novel of 287 pages published in Algeria by "Casbah" publishing house is available in bookshops from this Thursday, August 20, 2020.