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DOMESTIC NEWS

National youth plan: Ten proposals submitted

ALGIERS - The Youth and Sports Ministry (MJS) has received on Saturday in Algiers ten proposals, elaborated and presented by a group of National Youth Associations, in order to deepen debate on the "National Youth Plan".

Hundreds of associations participated in the elaboration of the proposals but few only were able to submit them to the Youth Ministry, because of the preventive measures caused by the new Corona virus pandemic. The main proposals that have been submitted to the Ministry were the reduction of the minimum age to seek senior positions, "which in the future would allow young people to be part of the decision-making circle."

The Minister stressed the preponderant role played by the Algerian Digital Youth Forum on the Zoom platform, especially during periods of pandemic."

"This Forum even allowed young Algerians living abroad to submit their own proposals, "said the minister.

Fight against terrorism: 3 homemade bombs destroyed in Boumerdès, Batna

ALGIERS - Three home-made bombs were destroyed Friday by detachments of the National People's Army (ANP) during combing operations in Boumerdès and Batna, said on Saturday a press release from the Ministry of National Defence (MDN).

"As part of the fight against terrorism, detachments of the National People's Army discovered and destroyed, on June 19, 2020, three homemade bombs, following search operations carried out in Boumerdès (1st Military Region) and Batna (5th MR)," said the same source.

As part of the fight against smuggling and organized crime, detachments of the Army "intercepted, in Tamanrasset (6th MR) and Adrar (3rd MR), nine individuals and seized 3 trucks, 4 all-ground vehicles, 107.5 tonnes of food, 25,260 litres of fuel, as well as 11 generators and 10 jackhammers used in illegal gold panning."

Another combined detachment of the Army "arrested in Saïda (2nd MR) four individuals and seized 3 vehicles loaded with 6,526 units of different drinks," added the source.

In another context, a detachment of the Army "apprehended, in coordination with the Customs services, in Djelfa (1st MR), one drug trafficker on board a tourist vehicle loaded with 122 kilograms of cannabis resin," while another detachment of the Army" seized, in coordination with the National Police services, 1,756 psychotropic tablets in El Oued (4th MR) ".

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In addition, combined detachments of the ANP "thwarted attempts to smuggle 5,170 litres of fuel from Souk-Ahras, Tébessa and El Tarf (5th MR) ", while the Coast Guard units " thwarted the illegal immigration attempts of 71 people who were on board craft boats in Tlemcen, Oran and Jijel".

ECONOMIC NEWS

OPEC+ deal: Need for full commitment to conformity by all signatory countries

ALGIERS - The OPEC-non OPEC Joint Ministerial Monitoring Committee (JMMC) stressed Thursday the need for the Declaration of Cooperation countries to fully adhere to the cut deal, saying that the overall level of conformity reached 87% in May, the Energy Ministry said in a statement on Thursday.

During the 19th meeting of the OPEC-non-OPEC Joint Ministerial Monitoring Committee, held on June 18, 2020, via videoconference, under the chairmanship of Prince Abdul Aziz Bin Salman, Saudi Minister of Energy, and Alexander Novak, Co-chair and Russian Minister of Energy, the JMMC noted that the overall level of conformity of the OPEC and nonOPEC countries reached 87% in May 2020. The Committee emphasized the critical importance of adhering to full conformity by all countries," said the same source.

The participants reviewed the May 2020 individual conformity levels to the historic decision taken by all Participating Countries in the DoC at the 10th (Extraordinary) OPEC and non-OPEC Ministerial Meeting on 12 April 2020 to adjust downwards overall crude oil production.

It welcomed the expressed commitments from those countries below the 100% May conformity level and specific compensation plans highlighting how this will be accommodated, and delivered, between July and September.

FOREIGN POLICY NEWS

President Tebboune receives Al-Sarraj

ALGIERS - President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune received Saturday, in Algiers, Chairman of the Presidential Council of Libya's Government of National Accord Fayez Al-Sarraj who is on a working visit to Algiers leading a large delegation, said a communiqué of the Presidency of the Republic.

This visit comes within the framework of "the intensive efforts by Algeria aimed at resuming dialogue between the Libyan brothers in order to reach a political solution to the Libyan crisis, a solution based on the respect of the brotherly people's will and the guaranteeing of their territorial integrity and national sovereignty far from any foreign military intervention," concluded the source.

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Fayez Al-Sarraj arrives in Algiers

ALGIERS - Chairman of the Presidential Council of Libya's Government of National Accord Fayez Al-Sarraj arrived Saturday in Algiers for one-day visit.

He was received, upon his arrival at the international airport Houari Boumediene, by Prime Minister Abdelaziz Djerad as well Foreign Affairs Minister Sabri Boukadoum and Minister of Interior, Local Authorities and National Planning Kamel Beldjoud.

Calls for international solidarity action with Sahrawi refugees

JOHANNESBURG - South African activist for climate and human rights defender Catherine Constantinides stressed the need for an international solidarity action with the Sahrawi refugees, reiterating her support to the Sahrawi people's inalienable right for self-determination.

"Little has been written on the Sahrawi refugees, however this situation is one of the most prolonged conflicts in the world," she said in a contribution published on the occasion of the World Refugee Day, celebrated on 20 June of each year, underlining that the "Sahrawi refugees endure their 45th year of displacement."

"With the reduced financial aid of the World Food Program (WFP) in Western Sahara over the years, access to food and nutrition has become more critical for the displaced populations of Africa's last colony," she stressed.

"The crisis of Western Sahara is a representation of a global crisis that must be broached if the sustainable development goal 2 of "Zero Hunger" in the world has to be achieved", she said.

She also broached "the lack of infrastructures, shortage of medicines and the lack of appropriate medical equipment are challenges met by the medical staff in charge of running health centers in the refugee camps sheltering the population of the displaced refugee population of Western Sahara who are living in these temporary camps since 1975."

UPU: EMS Champion Post Algeria wins second international Award

ALGIERS - EMS Champion Post Algeria, subsidiary of Algérie Post, won its second international award, the "Customer Care Awards," given by the Universal Postal Union (UPU), said Saturday the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications in a communiqué.

"For the second consecutive year, EMS Champion Post, a subsidiary of Algérie Post, specialized in the transport and delivery of mails and parcels in express mode, won the Award "Customer Care Awards," a program organized annually by EMS Cooperative, a body of the Universal Postal Union, in order to encourage and reward EMS exceptional performances provided by the postal operators," said the source.

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During 2019 “EMS Algeria met all the eligibility criteria for this prize, the evaluation was carried out through UPU information systems,” according to the source.

“EMS Algeria has also showed once again its commitment to providing an excellent service to its customers and global partners,” added the source.

UPU congratulated the managers and workers of EMS Algeria through an official correspondence.

MISCELLANEOUS - CULTURE

Secretary of State for Cultural Production participates in virtual seminar “Music in Resilience”

ALGIERS - Secretary of State for Cultural Production Salim Dada took part Friday in the virtual seminar “Music in Resilience” organized by the Maghreb Office of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as part of the program “ResiliArt” on the situation of the artists in times of crisis and health and security lockdown.

Salim Dada spoke in a panel devoted to the “impetus of the musical creation after coronavirus crisis” gathering together the artists Imed Alibi (Tunisia), Faycal Azizi (Morocco), Mauritanian singer Malouma Mint El Meidah, sircetor of Tangier Jazz Festival Moulay Ahmed Alami, head of UNESCO Maghreb Office Karim Hendili as well as Zainab Guedira, director of the cultural foundation Hiba, the event’s co-organizer.

During his speech, Dada made a presentation on the Algerian Culture Ministry’s initiatives to preserve a cultural activity in times of coronavirus pandemic and on the arrangements taken to accompany the artists, notably those whose activities have stopped because of the pandemic.

He also highlighted the institutional work like the National Office of Copyrights and Annexed Rights (ONDA) and the National Council of Arts and Letters (CNAL).