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ECONOMIC NEWS

Mining: Roadmap to boost activity, notably by revising law governing sector

ALGIERS - A roadmap is being implemented in the sector of mining, comprising notably the revision of the law governing the sector and the organization of national conferences on mining in order to supply the national economy with raw materials that are currently imported, said Minister of Mining Mohamed Arkab.

In an interview to APS, Arkab said that a roadmap is being implemented in the sector of mining comprising the revision of the law 14-05 governing the sector, the development of major “structuring” deposits, the development of a new national geological map of mines as well as the training of youths, notably for gold exploitation.

Concerning the revision of the mining law 14-05, the minister said that it is necessary to “make it more attractive,” thanks to a regulatory framework giving more flexibility and reactivity in relation to the opportunities offered to local and foreign investors.

According to the minister, a bill is being finalized to be presented to the government so that to enable the sector to contribute to the economic revival and provide the manufacturing industries with the necessary raw materials.

Conferences on mining will be organized between the end of 2020 and early 2021, said Arkab. These conferences will allow, he added, the sectors’ players to “discuss issues which will stem from the experts’ broad consultation on the strategy contributing to the development of the mining sector.”

The second line of the road map is to develop the structuring directions of the mining sector.

“We have targeted deposits whose imminent development is necessary such as Ghar Djilet, gold deposits of Hoggar, lead and zinc of Oued Amizour (province of Bejaia), the phosphate of Bled El-Hadba (province of Tebessa) and all the East of Algeria,” said Arkab, pointing out that these structuring projects will enable starting rapidly the activity on deposits already recognized and studied.

The third strategic line of the road map of the mining sector concerns the development of geological data through the use of technological and technical applications as part of the elaboration of a new national geological map of mines.

The fourth concerns the human capital by the involvement and training of young people. This requires, according to the minister, “well developed programs with the sector of Higher Education that of Vocational Training and the Algerian experts established locally or abroad.”

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Arkab said that the National Agency for Mining Activities (ANAM) prepared specifications and invitations to tender that will help produce more than 12 mineral substances in Algeria for the national industry.

FOREIGN POLICY NEWS

Hiroshima bombings: International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement urges all nations to end nuclear era

GENEVA - The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (ICRC) urged all nations to join the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) to ensure that the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki do not recur.

“Seventy-five years ago, on the morning of August 6, 1945, a B-29 warplane released a terrifying new weapon on Hiroshima. The nuclear bomb wiped out the city, instantly killing an estimated 70,000 people and leaving tens of thousands more suffering horrific injuries,” said ICRC.

“The 75th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki comes even as the risk of use of nuclear weapons has risen to levels not seen since the end of the Cold War,” said the source.

“Additionally, agreements to eliminate existing arsenals are being abandoned as new nuclear weapons are being developed, putting the world on the dangerous path of a new nuclear arms race. These developments add urgency to the international community's efforts to prohibit and eliminate these unacceptable weapons. The indisputable evidence of their catastrophic impact makes it extremely doubtful that their use could ever comply with international humanitarian law,” ICRC regretted.

“The horror of a nuclear detonation may feel like distant history. But today the risk of nuclear weapons being used again is high. Treaties to reduce nuclear arsenals and risks of proliferation are being abandoned, new types of nuclear weapons are being produced, and serious threats are being made. That’s an arms race, and it’s frightening. We must push all states to ban nuclear weapons and push nuclear weapons states to negotiate, in good faith, steps towards their elimination,” said Peter Maurer, president of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

“The international community would not be able to help all those in need after a nuclear blast. Widespread radiation sickness, a decline in food production, and the tremendous scale of destruction and contamination would make any meaningful humanitarian response insufficient. No nation is prepared to deal with a nuclear confrontation,” said Francesco Rocca, president of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

MISCELLANEOUS

Franco-Algerian actor Djamel Barek passes away

ALGIERS - Franco-Algerian actor and director Djamel Barek died Thursday night at the age of 57, after a long illness, said the deceased's relatives on social networks.

Established in France, Djamel Barek acted in the film "l'Oranais" by Lyes Salem and the serial "El Khawa" (2017) and "Ouled Hlal" (2019) and performed in his last role in "La vie d'après" (2020) by Anis Djaad, currently in the post-production phase.

Known for his several second roles in the French cinema, the actor has, since 1999, played in great films like "Munich" by Steven Spielberg, "Des hommes libres" by Ismael Ferroukhi, "Les Revenants" by Robin Campillo, "Secret Defense" by Philippe Haim, "Frères ennemis" by David Oelhoffen and "Loin des hommes" by the same filmmaker, screened in 2011 in Algiers Film Days.

In 2005, Djamel Barek staged his first play "Not My Molière" before renewing the experience in 2009 with "Luciole."

3.3-tremor shakes province of Mila

ALGIERS - A 3.3- magnitude earth tremor on the Richter scale shook the province of Mila on Saturday at 1:38 p.m., said the Centre for Research on Astronomy, Astrophysics and Geophysics (CRAAG).

The epicenter of the quake was located 5 km northern the town of Grarem-Gouga, said the source.