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DOMESTIC NEWS

There are no dangerous goods, explosive material in country's ports

ALGIERS - Minister of Transport Lazhar Hani affirmed Saturday, in Algiers, that there are no dangerous goods or explosive material in the country's ports, calling for the drawing up of weekly statistics on the seized and stocked goods and submitting detailed reports to the officials.

In an inspection visit to Algiers' port, Hani, who was accompanied by executives of the ministry and officials of the port, affirmed that "Algeria is among the first countries to prohibit the seizure and storage of dangerous goods in ports," adding that the prohibition text dates back to 1975.

This law "is strictly implemented in all the ports of the country," underlined the minister, affirming that "there are no dangerous goods in ports."

In the 1980s, strict sanctions were taken against some officials of ports for non-respect of legal procedures in force in this regard.

The minister insisted on the need to "fight against false declarations" by some importers and to find the means to deal with them. "Transporting dangerous goods is expensive and some importers avoid declaring them," he said.

Concerning the storage of goods and the container dwell time at the level ports, the sector's first official underlined that "the laws are clear in this regard: the container dwell time in ports mustn't exceed 21 days."

In this regard, the minister ordered the competent services "to carry out weekly statistics of the seized and stored goods, including those under legal proceedings or abandoned by their owners and to submit the related reports to officials for examination and regularization of their situation."

President Tebboune chairs periodic meeting of Council of Ministers

ALGIERS - President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune, commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces, minister of the National Defense chaired this Sunday the periodic meeting of the Council of ministers by video-conference.

Issues related to the beginning of the academic year and the national plans for socio-economic revival are on the agenda of this meeting.

ARPE charged with "promoting information, its dissemination"

ALGIERS - Minister of Communication, Government Spokesman, Ammar Belhimer, said that the Written Press Regulatory Authority (ARPE) will be responsible, among other things, for "promoting the bulk of information and ensuring their dissemination throughout the national territory."

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The missions of this authority, "independent, enjoying legal personality and financial autonomy," are also to "ensure the quality of media messages, as well as the promotion of national culture in all its aspects.

It is also charged with "ensuring the distribution of information in the two national languages by all appropriate means, as well as the transparency of the economic operating rules of publishing companies."

The 2012 organic law on information stipulates that the ARPE will also ensure "the prohibition of concentration of securities and bodies under financial influence, politics or ideology of the same owner."

COVID-19 NEWS

Measures for gradual reopening of beaches, recreation areas as from Saturday

ALGIERS - Prime Minister Abdelaziz Djerad decided on the measures for the "gradual and monitored opening of beaches, recreation areas, hotels, coffee shops and restaurants," as from Saturday, while "respecting health protocols of prevention against the spread of Covid-19 pandemic," said Saturday a communiqué of the Prime Minister's Office.

"Following the instructions of President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune, commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces, minister of the National Defense, given in the meeting of the High Security Council on 3 August 2020 and at the end of the consultations with the scientific committee and health authority, Prime minister set the measures for the implementation of the decision on the gradual and controlled opening of beaches, recreation spaces, hotels, coffee shops and restaurants while respecting the health protocols of prevention against the spread of the pandemic," said the source.

The communiqué underlines that "the citizens will be able to go, as from Saturday 15 August 2020, to authorized and controlled beaches, recreation areas as well as leisure spaces while respecting the prevention measures that will be implemented by the local authorities."

This prevention plan includes notably "the mandatory wearing of masks, the respect of physical distancing, placing posters containing prevention measures, prior checking by civil protection units of holiday-makers' temperature at the level of beaches."

The communiqué points out that "the non-respect of these measures will lead to the immediate closing of the concerned space and/or activity."

FOREIGN POLICY NEWS

Beirut explosion: Head of Constitutional Council expresses “solidarity”

ALGIERS - Chairman of the Algerian Constitutional Council (CC) Kamel Fenniche expressed his “total solidarity” with the Lebanese people who are going through “a hard time of their history” after the double explosion in the Port of Beirut, said Sunday a communiqué of this body.

“Chairman of the Algerian Constitutional Council sent a condolence message, on his behalf and on the behalf of the members of the Constitutional Council, to his Lebanese counterpart Tannous Mechleb, and through him to the families of the victims of the explosion that occurred on 4 August 2020 in the port of Beirut,” said the source.

Kamel Fenniche expressed “his total solidarity” with the Lebanese people who are going through a “hard time” of their history following this “tragic event, praying God to have mercy on the victims and hoping a speedy recovery to the injured.”

He also expressed “his conviction and faith in the Lebanese people’s willingness to overcome this tragedy and rebuild the city of Beirut and restore its calm and splendor.”

Spain’s Interior Minister on official visit to Algeria

ALGIERS - Minister of Interior of the Kingdom of Spain Fernando Grande-Marlaska Gomez will on a one-day official visit to Algeria, leading an important delegation, announced Sunday the Ministry of Interior, Local Authorities and National Planning in a communiqué.

The visit, which is part of bilateral cooperation, will be an opportunity to strengthen dialogue between the two ministries, on the issues of common interest, said the source.

MISCELLANEOUS

4.3-magnitude quake hits Sidi Ghiles in Tipaza

ALGIERS - An earthquake measuring 4.3-magnitude on the Richter scale hit Sunday at 12.00 a.m. the locality of Sidi Ghiles, in the province of Tipaza, said the Research Centre in Astronomy Astrophysics and Geophysics (CRAAG).

The epicenter of the quake was located 10km in the north-west of Sidi Ghiles, village located 7 kilometers west of Cherchell, said the source.

Tipaza earthquake: No human, material losses reported

ALGIERS - No material damage and human losses have been reported Sunday after the earthquake that hit the region of Sidi Ghiles, in Tipaza, said the Civil Protection.

“Inspection operations have been conducted in the provinces where the earthquake was felt,” said the general directorate of the Civil Protection in a communiqué.

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The same source said that the tremor was felt in the provinces of Tipaza, Chlef, Blida and Algiers.

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"Allo Chorta," crime-reporting mobile app

ALGIERS - The mobile application, "Allo Chorta," will enable citizens to report any crime to the police who can then intervene effectively to protect people and property, the Directorate General of National Security (DGSN) recalled Sunday in a statement.

Thanks to the "Allo Chorta" app, citizens can "send, to the DGSN's data processing bank, photos of road accidents or criminal behaviors, thus enabling the police units to intervene to protect people and property", the source said.

Citizens can know about the app through the DGSN's website and its social networking pages, added the same source.

Tremors in Mila: No damage to Sidi Ghanem Mosque

MILA - The two tremors that shook the province of Mila on Friday caused no damage to Sid Ghanem Mosque, the oldest mosque in Algeria, Manager of heritage restoration and preservation at the Ministry of Culture and Arts Zoheir Ballalou told APS.

This mosque, first named after Abu Mouhadjir Dinar and whose construction dates back to the early 6th century (year 59 after the Hegira), is located inside the museum of the Mila site, and will undergo emergency works from next week, said Zoheir Ballalou.

In the same museum in the city's archaeological garden, "very slight damage" has been reported on the Byzantine wall and on marble statues, including the imposing statue called "Milo", a white marble sculpture representing a human measuring two meters high, discovered in 1880.

In the Kasbah of Mila, an old inhabited urban fabric, "two unoccupied red listed houses have collapsed while 16 other buildings have been damaged, without causing any casualties."

These constructions will be diagnosed by the team of experts dispatched to the site by the Ministry of Housing, Urban Planning and the City, said Ballalou.