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**DOMESTIC NEWS**

**Referendum: ANIE insists on "rigorous respect instructions, recommendations"**

*ALGIERS* - The Independent National Authority for Elections (ANIE) stressed, Saturday in the context of preparations for the referendum on the Constitution, the imperative to "strictly comply with the instructions and recommendations provided exclusively by the Authority in terms of organization and preparation."

As part of the ongoing preparations for the referendum on the draft revision of the Constitution, scheduled for November 1, the ANIE "recalls and insists on the imperative to rigorously respect the instructions and recommendations provided exclusively by the Authority in terms of organization and preparation for the referendum on the revision of the supreme law of the country," said the source.

"To this end, and in order to guarantee the smooth running of the referendum process, the authority calls for the respect of the parameters governing this electoral event by complying with the guidelines and decisions it provides in this matter."

Instructions which intervene, according to ANIE, in accordance with the missions conferred on it by the provisions of the organic law number 19-07 of September 14, 2019 relating to ANIE and the organic law number 16-10 of August 25, 2016, amended and supplemented, relating to elections, particularly in terms of organizational, management and supervisory prerogatives," the source concluded.

**Constitutional amendment bill, genuine guarantee for Algerian women**

*TINDOUF (Algeria)* - The minister of National Solidarity, Family and Women's Issues and acting minister of Labour, Employment and Social Security, Kaouthar Krikou, said Sunday in Tindouf the "constitutional amendment bill is a genuine guarantee for Algerian women."

"The constitutional amendment bill is a guarantee for Algerian women, and especially rural women, as the promotion of women, and rural women in particular, will have to be ensured by legal guarantees," Krikou told reporters during her working visit to Tindouf accompanied by the minister of Water Resources, Arezki Berraki, and the Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Algeria, Blerta Aliko, the minister of National Solidarity said the constitutional amendment bill "provides guarantees for Algerian women, mainly in the promotion of women and gender equality."

"Article 68 of the constitutional bill, relating to the promotion of gender equality in the labour market and the appointment of women to key positions in public institutions, reflects a firm conviction of the skills and ability of Algerian women, workers or creators, to effect the expected change.

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"Algerian women are ready to join in building the foundations of the New Republic, as part of the promotional strategy contained in the electoral programme of the President of the Republic, Abdelmadjid Tebboune," the minister stressed.

### Launch of event "New Cultural Season"

*ALGIERS* - The event "New Cultural Season," gathering together theatre, plastic arts, music, dance and tales in addition to literary meetings, has been officially launched on Saturday, in Algiers, by Minister of Culture and Arts Malika Bendouda.

Accompanied by Minister of Industry Ferhat Ait Ali Braham and officials from several public institutions, the minister of Culture inaugurated this event at the Palace of Culture Moufdi Zakaria under the theme "Our culture is our diversity and unity."

Baya Gallery at the Palace of Culture proposes a collective exhibition comprising the works of several Algerian plastic artists, including paintings of Abdelkrim Kermiche, inspired by the oeintalist current, contemporary works of young Asma Noui and a tribute to the medical personnel by Abdelhalim Kemmich.

This exhibition entitled "Breath of Art ," and coordinated by Amel Mihoubi, proposes also works of Souhila Belbahar, Roshedi Bessaih, Moussa Bourdine, miniatures of Djazia Cherrih and also sculptures of Djanet Dahel and Abdelwahab Selka.

An exhibition on theatre sets and costumes organized by the Algerian national Theatre Mahieddine-Bachtarzi and the different regional theatres is also open to the public in respect of prevention measures against the spread of Coronavirus.

A stand was also devoted to the exhibition of works of writer Mohamed Dib on the occasion of the centenary of his birth.

### Sports-related projects in southern region to be unfrozen soon

GHARDAIA-Minister of Youth and Sports Sid-Ali Khaldi on Sunday announced that "projects of the sector in southern provinces will be unfrozen by decision of the President of the Republic."

"President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune attaches special interest to the construction of youth and sports facilities, particularly in southern regions," said the minister during his working visit to the province of Adrar.

The minister inspected several projects in the process of completion, particularly the semi-Olympic swimming pool of Berriane worth DZD300 million, whose construction experienced considerable delay due to technical and topographical constraints.

Khaldi urged local officials to speed up the pace of construction so that youth in the region practice their favorite sports.

The minister, who was accompanied by the State Secretary in charge of the elite sport, visited and inaugurated sport facilities in the Mzab valley, notably in the communes of Ghardaia,

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Bounoura and El-Atteuf, including the sports hall of the commune of El-Atteuf, the sports hall of Oued-Nechou, the youth hostel of Bouhraoua and the planetarium of Ghardaia.

The minister inquired on site about the expectations and grievances of young people in the region, including the planetarium of Ghardaia (site of Bouhraoua) which is experiencing problems of renewal of the satellite connection, the revision of prices for access to sports facilities for young people and the development of sport for small categories for the emergence of young talents.

### **Back to school date not set so far, consultations with social partners to make it successful**

*ALGIERS* - The date of the 2020-2021 back to school has not yet been set and consultations will take place with social partners on the procedures to make it successful “for the sake of preserving the health of pupils and the staff working schools,” announced Sunday the Minister of National Education Mohamed Ouadjaout.

Speaking at a meeting with social partners, Ouadjaout said that the back to school date had not yet been set due to the propagation of new coronavirus although the number of confirmed cases had been sharply decreasing in recent times.

“We do not want to jeopardize the health of our children, their parents and all the staff working in schools. Therefore, we will consult on possible exceptional measures likely to organize the schooling of our pupils so that the proposed solutions are adequate. We will also take into account the specificities of each level and each school in terms of the number of students enrolled,” stated the minister.

As the ministry is responsible for ensuring the continuity of the public service of national education, all possible hypotheses were discussed and a number of proposals have been adopted to organize schooling. However, no final decision has been taken, affirmed Ouadjaout.

“We must listen to the opinions expressed by social partners in order to reach a common decision that will be soon submitted to the Government. I attach a great importance to the proposals made by partners as they are in constant contact with pupils,” he continued.

The minister said he was “convinced” that the ministry and social partners would reach a solution that “satisfies the pupils and their parents, and reassures the education staff.”

Most of social partners proposed 8 November as a date of back to school.

### ***SOCIAL***

### **Electronic platform for better assistance of disabled**

*ALGIERS* - Minister of National Solidarity, Family and Women's affairs and Acting Minister of Labor, Employment and Social Security, Kaoutar Krikou, announced Saturday in Algiers, the upcoming launch of an electronic platform linking the services of the National Solidarity, the National Office of Apparatus and Accessories for the Disabled (ONAAPH) and the National Social Insurance Fund for Salaried Workers (CNAS) to improve the assistance of disabled.

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Chairing with Minister of Health, Population and Hospital Reform, Abderrahmane Benbouzid, an information day on the activities of the ONAAPH, the minister said that this platform will allow the reception and processing of applications for benefits of the Office as soon as possible.

The two sectors of National Solidarity and Labor, and Employment and Social Security, have established close coordination, particularly in terms of providing equipment for the benefit of this category, via the Office which has identified, until last July, more than 657,000 beneficiaries, said Krikou.

The ONAAPH has earmarked a budget for the acquisition of raw materials for the manufacture of these devices, which will be received next October, said the Minister said she believes that these benefits are likely to facilitate the socio-economic integration of this category and access to their fundamental rights, such as education, vocational training, and employment.

In this regard, Krikou highlighted the State's efforts in caring for people with disabilities, mainly focused on education and teaching for the benefit of all children with special needs, without exception or exclusion, both in their ordinary environment and in the 236 specialized institutions and 784 special classes opened in coordination with the National Education sector.

### **COMMUNICATION**

#### **Adel Kansous installed as ANEP's CEO**

*ALGIERS* - Adel Kansous has been installed in his new position as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Publishing and Advertising Agency (ANEP) in replacement of Larbi Ouanoughi, the Ministry of Communication announced Sunday.

### **ECONOMIC NEWS**

#### **Illizi: Artisanal gold mining in south, “added value” to economy**

*ILLIZI* - The artisanal gold mining project in the great south is “an added value” to the development and diversification of the national economy, said Sunday the Minister of Mines Mohamed Arkab.

"The revival of mining activity in southern regions, which constitute an added value to the economy, is part of the Government's orientation towards the diversification of the national economy, through the establishment of a legal and regulatory framework giving the opportunity to young people to work in artisanal gold mining, under authorizations that will be granted with specific conditions and facilities. Public authorities also seek to stop the uncontrolled exploitation of metals and their smuggling," said the minister of Mines.

The Mining sector has developed a plan, in coordination with various partners, to ensure the success of this project and its implementation in respect of the environment, the preservation of biodiversity and sustainable development, said Arkab.

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The minister was accompanied by the Ministers of Environment and Vocational Training and Education, Nassira Benharrats and Hoyam Benfriha respectively, the Minister Delegate to the Prime Minister, in charge of micro-enterprises, Nassim Diafat, and the Advisor to the President of the Republic, in charge of the associative movement and the community abroad, Nazih Berramdane.

Several sites have been identified in the region of Djanet for the activity of artisanal gold mining by young people of the region who will be supervised, trained and supported by experts from the National Agency for the Processing of Gold and the Agency of Geological Service in Algeria, said Arkab.

### **FOREIGN POLICY NEWS**

#### **Algeria strongly condemns terrorist attack on convoy of Borno's governor in North Nigeria**

*ALGIERS* - Algeria has strongly condemned the terrorist attack on a convoy carrying the governor of Borno State, in the north of Nigeria, leaving dozens of people dead and injured among civilians and the security forces, reaffirming its full solidarity and support with the Nigerian government, said Saturday a communiqué of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

“Algeria strongly condemns the terrorist attack perpetrated yesterday Friday by the terrorist group Boko Haram on the convoy carrying the governor of Borno State, in the north of Nigeria, leaving dozens of people dead and injured among the civilians and the security forces of Nigeria,” said the ministry.

Algeria, added the communiqué, “extends its sincere condolences and compassion to the brotherly Nigerian government and people as well as to the families of the victims, hoping speedy recovery to the injured.”

Expressing once again its full support and solidarity with the Nigerian government, “Algeria reiterates its firm determination to fight against terrorism and its permanent commitment to supporting the efforts of the international community in order to eradicate this scourge which threatens international peace and stability,” concluded the source.

#### **Polisario, SADR warn against Morocco's escalation threatening regional security**

*BIR LAHLOU* (Liberated Saharawi Territories) - The Polisario Front and the Saharawi Government of the Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) have warned against Morocco's escalation policy that threatens security and stability in the region, urging the Security Council to take action in response to this scheme that jeopardizes Western Sahara people's inalienable right to self-determination.

Polisario Front and the Saharawi government "alert the international community, the United Nations and MINURSO (UN Mission for the Organization of a Referendum in Western Sahara)

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on the dangerous strategy of escalation of the Moroccan occupation that threatens security and stability in the region," the Saharawi ministry of Information said Sunday in a statement.

The Polisario Frente and RASD government call on the Security Council to "respond clearly to this grave move that threatens Saharawi people's inalienable right to self-determination and independence."

Warning against "Moroccan provocations and tactics, doomed to failure," the Polisario Front and the Saharawi government recall that "whenever the Saharawi issue is on the table of the Security Council or before the UN, as it is currently the case, the Moroccan regime accelerates its escalation and tries to push through its hostile plans with false pretexts," the statement adds.

The Security Council will consider the question of Western Sahara in October as positions, by world states and governments, in favour of Western Sahara people's right to self-determination follow one another in the forum of the United Nations General Assembly.