



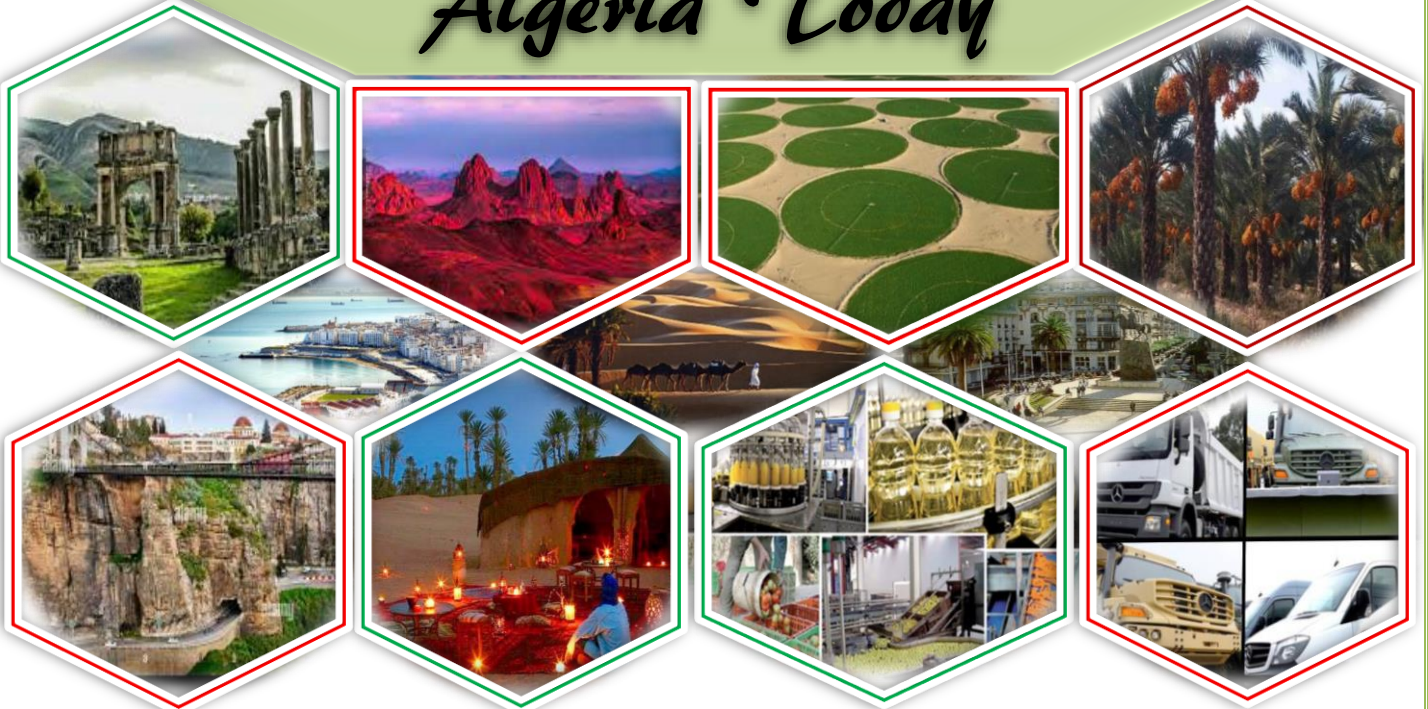
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## Domestic Policy

### Government discusses roadmap for hydrogen sector's development



The government, in its weekly meeting chaired by Prime Minister Aïmene Benabderrahmane on Wednesday 23 November 2022, discussed a roadmap on the development of hydrogen technology in Algeria, the Prime Minister's office said in a statement.

Made up of several sections representing the national strategy for the development of hydrogen technology, the roadmap presented by the minister of Energy and Mines "provides to national and international actors the required visibility in terms of policies, regulations and incentives to be adopted by the authorities for the establishment of the hydrogen technology in our country," the statement said.

The roadmap aims to diversify energy supply, boost energy security, speed up energy transition and reduce the country's carbon footprint.

### Prime Minister chairs opening of national conference on civil society



Prime Minister Aymen Benabderrahmane on Tuesday 15th November 2022, chaired the opening of the national conference on civil society under the theme "civil society, the basis for the building of New Algeria," with the participation of 700 representatives of national and local groups, organizations, unions and the national community abroad.

Organized by the National Observatory of Civil Society, the meeting was an opportunity for dialogue and discussion, among the different actors, on the ways to promote the role of civil society in the building of New Algeria, by enshrining the principles of active citizenship within society.

The participants discussed over two days the situation of civil society in Algeria and the problems it faces.

### Algeria's fourth UPR report: Several States welcome Algeria's efforts to promote human rights, freedoms



The National Human Rights Council (CNHD) affirmed Sunday 13th November 2022, in a statement, that the States taking part in the discussions on the 4th report on the human rights situation in Algeria, as part of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), presented recently in Geneva, welcomed Algeria's effort in the promotion of fundamental rights and public freedoms.

In this regard, CNHD welcomed the interaction that marked debates on UPR, in a peer-review session at the Human Rights Council in Geneva, especially as the "different States taking part in the debate praised the efforts of Algeria for a solid institution-building, through the promotion and protection of fundamental rights and public freedoms."

CNHD took part in the 41st session of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), held on 11 November 2022 in Geneva, where the activities of UPR mechanism were held.

CNHD affirmed that "it commits to implementing this session's recommendations through the support of the State's institutions,".

### Arab Summit: Algeria succeeded in achieving the objectives



Minister of Foreign Affairs and National Community Abroad Ramtane Lamamra said Wednesday 2nd November 2022 that Algeria, under the leadership of President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune succeeded in achieving the objectives set during the Arab Summit, namely “unification of Arab ranks”.

This meeting was “successful at the national, Arab and international levels,” as Algeria has met all the necessary conditions for this success at the political and logistical level, emphasizing the President’s role in this success.

President Tebboune and Arab leaders “made sure to make this summit, held after three years and a half of absence notably because of the Covid-19 pandemic, successful at all levels,” underscoring that “this summit on the unification of ranks distinguished itself by the fact that it is held in November.”

As regards the “Declaration of Algiers,” Lamamra said that Algeria “has worked to promote consensus between all the sides and at all levels and to bring views closer in order to reach a total convergence on all the chapters submitted for debate.”

He stressed the importance of “the political will, an essential element to ensure the implementation of these chapters, crystallized during the Summit after realizing, by the Arabs, the importance of the joint Arab action in the meeting of appropriate conditions for positioning on the international scene.”

### President Tebboune meets with several European leaders in Sharm El-Sheikh



On the sidelines of the Summit of Heads of State and Government of the 27th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27), President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune on Monday 7th november 2022, met French President Emmanuel Macron And Bulgarian counterpart, Roumen Radev. And he received the Prime minister Giorgia Meloni of Italy and the Dutch Prime Minister, Mark Rutte. He discussed with them the bilateral relations as well as international issues of common interest.

### COP27: Fight against climate change, Algeria’s main focus



The fight against the climate change is one of Algeria’s priorities at the national and international levels, hence the participation of President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune in the Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the 27th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27), held in Sharm El-Sheikh (Egypt).

Algeria has always reiterated its commitment to dealing with climate issues in different global summits, while continuing its efforts to promote its role through several initiatives welcomed on many occasions. President Tebboune has persistently stressed the importance of mobilizing all the means and taking necessary measures to fight against the effects of climate change, including the National Climate Plan and the law on the fight against major hazards, and of relaunching the project of the green dam to contribute to the creation of a low-emission zone.

## Foreign Policy

### Benabderrahmane receives the UK Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Algeria



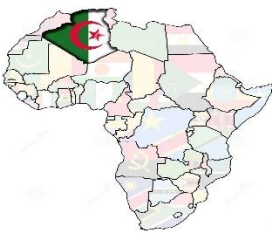
Prime Minister Aimene Benabderrahmane received Tuesday 29th November 2022, in Algiers, the UK Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Algeria Lord Richard Risby, who is on a working visit to Algeria.

"The meeting was the opportunity to examine the state and prospects of the bilateral relations and ways to strengthen the cooperation between the two countries, notably by reviving the bilateral cooperation mechanisms and frameworks of the joint action for the development and diversification of the Algerian-British partnership.

### Algeria, China sign 2nd five-year comprehensive strategic cooperation plan 2022-2026



The Minister of Foreign Affairs and National Community Abroad, Ramtane Lamamra, and the member of the political bureau of China's Communist Party, State Adviser and Foreign Minister of the People's Republic of China, Wang Yi, jointly announced the signing of the "second five-year comprehensive strategic cooperation plan between Algeria and China for the period 2022-2026. The plan is "the second of its kind to be signed between the two countries in terms of comprehensive strategic cooperation since the establishment of the comprehensive strategic partnership relations between Algeria and China." The plan aims to "further intensify contacts and cooperation between Algeria and China in all fields, including economy, trade, energy, agriculture, science and technology, space, health and culture, in addition to strengthening the alignment of development strategies between the two countries," the statement said. The two countries want to seize the opportunity of the five-year plan's implementation to "deepen their practical cooperation in all spheres, to boost the bilateral comprehensive strategic partnership in the service of the two friend countries and peoples," the statement concluded.



### AU Extraordinary Summit: Algeria affirms its support for industrialization in Africa

Algeria affirmed, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022 from Niamey, its full readiness and commitment to adhere to common approaches, as well as its support for strengthening industry and industrialization in the African continent, emphasizing the need to establish a new economic model tailored to the African reality and develop a comprehensive industrial strategy taking into account the capabilities of each country to achieve an efficient industry and a strong economy, integrated and consistent.

In a speech delivered at a closed session of the 17th Extraordinary Summit of the African Union (AU) on industrialization and economic diversification in Africa, Prime Minister Aimene Benabderrahmane who took part in this meeting as representative of the President of the Republic, Mr. Abdelmadjid Tebboune, stressed "the full readiness of Algeria and its commitment to adhere to common approaches and its support for strengthening industry and industrialization in Africa and to achieve the highest levels of integration, in realization of the major objectives outlined by the founders of our pan-African organization.

The Prime Minister called for "the establishment of a new economic model and the development of a comprehensive industrial strategy, to achieve an efficient industry and a strong economy, integrated and consistent that ensures a place in the regional value chains, continental and African.

### Lamamra represents President Tebboune in 5th Paris Peace Forum



As representative of the president of the Republic, Mr. Abdelmadjid TEBBOUNE, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the National Community Abroad, Ramtane LAMAMRA, has taken part in the 5th edition of the Paris Forum on Peace which was held in the French capital, from November 10 to 12, 2022, under the theme Overcoming the multi-crisis, at the invitation of the President of the French Republic.

This event came after a pandemic which has considerably aggravated global inequalities and in an international context marked by an acute geopolitical divide against the backdrop of the war in Ukraine. The political and economic fallout of this war continues to dominate international news. This meeting was attended by several Heads of State and Government, numerous Ministers and heads of international governmental and non-governmental organizations as well as actors from the private sector. This Forum examined the main problems in today's world and proposed solutions to mitigate multiple shocks as well as the socio-economic consequences of crises and avoid an aggravation of global polarization which jeopardize international cooperation.

The participation of Minister LAMAMRA in this meeting was an opportunity to renew Algeria's attachment to multilateralism and to its positions of principle advocating the need to correct the imbalances that characterize the mechanisms of global governance and the advent of new cooperative, equitable and united world order capable of guaranteeing peace, stability and development and of safeguarding the interests of developing countries

### Lamamra received by Tunisian President as President Tebboune's special envoy



Minister of Foreign Affairs and National Community Abroad Ramtane Lamamra paid a working visit to Tunisia as the special envoy of President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune, during which he was received by President Kais Saied

In this regard, the minister "transmitted the greetings of President Abdelmadjid Tebboune to his brother President Kais Saied to whom he handed over a message of fraternity that is part of the permanent contact between the leaders of the two countries driven by a common interest to raise the bilateral cooperation relations up to better horizons and deepen the tradition of consultations and coordination.

The meeting enabled the two sides "to examine the prospects of joining efforts in order to

### Lamamra holds talks with Sahrawi counterpart



Minister of Foreign Affairs and National Community Abroad, Ramtane Lamamra held talks on Sunday, in Algiers, with Sahrawi counterpart Mohamed Salem Ould Salek.

The meeting took place in the presence of Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the National Community Abroad,

## Foreign Policy

### Algeria provides assistance to African countries for appropriate use of antimicrobials



Speaking on the occasion of the National Day Against Antimicrobials 22nd November and the World Antimicrobial Awareness Week, organized from 18th to 24th November 2022, Dr. Houria Khelifi from WHO's office said that the UN organization has chosen Algiers Pasteur Institute (IPA) to provide assistance to the African laboratories in terms of microbiology in order to fight against the resistance to antimicrobials. In this respect, Dr. Khelifi stressed the importance of this operation for IPA, notably following the adherence of Algeria to the Global Antimicrobial Resistance and Use Surveillance System (GLASS) in 2020, and the implementation of a national antimicrobial consumption surveillance system, followed by the conduction of surveys in this field, in addition to encouraging scientific researches.

### Chemical Weapons: Algeria elected vice-president of 27th session of CWC



Algeria has just been elected, in the person of Ambassador Salima Abdelhak, Permanent Representative of Algeria to the OPCW, as Vice-President of the 27th session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, which took place in the Hague from 28 November to 2 December 2022.

### Algeria, UN ink cooperation framework for sustainable development in Algeria



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and National Community Abroad and the Office of the United Nations System Resident Coordinator in Algeria signed Sunday 7th November 2022, at the ministry's headquarters, the new Cooperation Framework for Sustainable Development in Algeria, for the period 2023-2027,".

The Cooperation Framework for Sustainable Development in Algeria is the reference document in cooperation between the two sides and the main tool in planning the UN system's operational activities in Algeria.

It is the outcome of a consensual and participative approach that had involved all concerned national partners in several coordination meetings.

### Algerian Larbi Djacta elected Chairman of UN International Civil Service Commission



The Algerian candidate, Ambassador Larbi Djacta, was brilliantly re-elected Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) of the United Nations (UN) against the Moroccan candidate, El Hassane Zahid.

The elections took place Friday, 4th November 2022 at the plenary of the Fifth Committee. Algeria has beaten Morocco with a score of 121 to 64. This victory is the result of a tireless effort undertaken by the Algerian diplomatic staff at the last session of the UN General Assembly in New York.

### Algeria-Cuba: Historical, special relations, prospects for closer economic cooperation



Algeria and Cuba have historical and special relations dating back to the common struggle of their peoples and their commitment to support just causes in the world, the quality of political relations and their human dimensions paving the way for a new stage of closer bilateral cooperation in all areas, mainly the economic field.

The working and friendship visit by President Miguel Diaz-Canel Bermudez of Cuba to Algeria on the 17th November 2022, coincides with the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the historical relations between the two countries, relations established before Algeria's independence, then strengthened through the support by both countries of just causes and people's struggles for their right to liberty, especially the Palestinian and Western Sahara issues, in addition to solidarity, cooperation and coordination of diplomatic positions in different international fora.

Fruitful and special, the bilateral relations have made many achievements, the latest of which was the creation of the Algeria-Cuba Friendship Parliamentary Group last February.

### Slovenia wants embassy in Algeria to boost bilateral relations



The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia, Tanja Fajon expressed Tuesday 15th November 2022 her country's willingness to open an embassy in Algeria to boost bilateral relations.

In a statement to the press at the end of the audience granted to her by the President of the Republic, Abdelmadjid Tebboune, at the headquarters of the Presidency of the Republic, Fajon said that the Republic of Slovenia "intends to open an embassy in Algeria and work with the Algerian authorities hand in hand."

"I discussed with President Tebboune the partnership between the two countries," she continued.

"Slovenia seeks to strengthen economic and political cooperation with Algeria. I welcomed the contract signed Tuesday by Sonatrach and the Slovenian company, Geoplin for the supply of Slovenia with natural gas through the pipeline linking Algeria to Italy for three years from January 2023,"

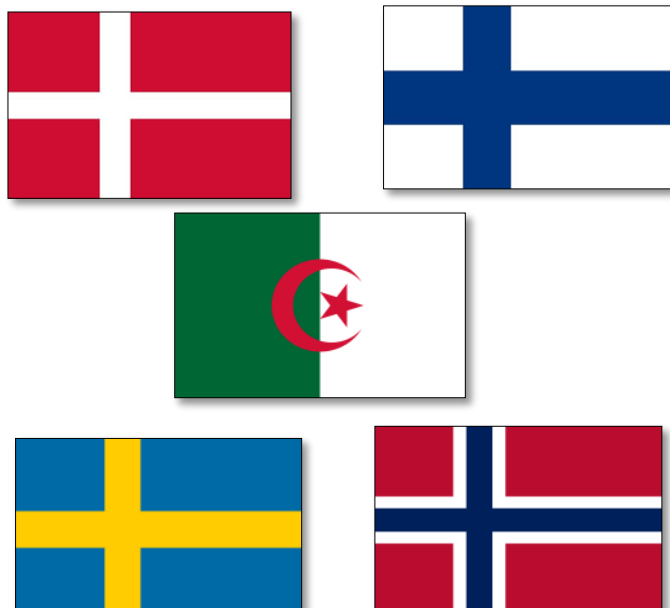
### Holding of 7th session of political consultations between Algeria and Argentina



The 7th session of political consultations between Algeria and Argentina took place on Tuesday 22 November 2022 at the headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and National Community abroad, as part of the strengthening of bilateral relations

The two sides have reiterated, moreover, the readiness of their countries to continue and strengthen the political dialogue, and agreed on the need to strengthen high-level visits between the two countries, in addition to holding new sessions of the Intergovernmental Committee and the bilateral scientific committee at the beginning of next year.

### Algeria-Nordic countries: Beneficial, balanced sustainable economic cooperation



The Minister of Environment and Renewable Energies, Mme Samia Moualfi emphasized Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022, in Algiers, the need to establish a balanced cooperation in sustainable projects beneficial to Algeria and its partners, especially the Nordic countries.

"The partnership is likely to contribute to the implementation of mutually beneficial projects that include mastery of manufacturing techniques, transfer of knowledge and training on green technologies and sustainable solutions," Moualfi said in an opening address at a conference on sustainable solutions with Nordic countries.

The event focused on cooperation between Algeria and Nordic countries (Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland) in the green economy.

The minister suggested the establishment of several legal frameworks to boost the investment climate in Algeria, through a new law providing "guarantees to investors, building trust and attracting investors."

Mme Moualfi emphasized the investment opportunities offered by Algeria in terms of energy transition and green economy, given its strategic position and natural resources.

"Huge opportunities such as solar, wind, thermal energy and energy-from-waste (EfW) are still untapped.

### The minister of Energy and Mines talks with the chair of high-level panel on security and development in Sahel



The minister of Energy and Mines, Mohamed Arkab, on Wednesday held discussions with the chair of the high-level panel on security and development in the Sahel, former president of Niger, Mahamadou Issoufou, who is on a working visit to Algeria.

The discussions focused on the security and development mission assigned by the secretary general of the United Nations to Mahamadou Issoufou, in relation to the African Union, the ECOWAS and the G5 Sahel.

Issoufou said it is an "assessment mission in terms of security and development in the region of the Sahel, which is facing not only the security challenge, but also other challenges.

The statement cited the weather, demographic, humanitarian challenges and those relating to the economic and social development.

The two officials also tackled issues relating to "the current energy challenges and their impact on the African continent, especially the Sahel region."

### Council of Nation participates in Autumn Meeting of OSCE PA

A delegation of the Council of the Nation will participate in the Autumn Meeting of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA), scheduled from 24 to 26 November 2022 in Warsaw (Poland), the parliamentary institution said Wednesday in a statement.

"The Algerian Parliament participates regularly in the meetings of the Parliamentary Assembly of OSCE in its capacity as a partner for cooperation.



### Arkab receives CEO of Sinopec International Energy



The Minister of Energy and Mines, Mohamed Arkab received Tuesday 15 November 2022 the CEO of Sinopec International Energy Investment Limited, Yueliang Guo, with whom he discussed the opportunities for developing the partnership in the hydrocarbon sector between Sonatrach and his company. The two officials welcomed "the excellence of cooperation relations between the two companies Sonatrach and Sinopec", which signed on the 14 November 2022 in Algiers a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The MoU reflects "the willingness of both parties to boost their cooperation, through the search for new partnership opportunities." The two parties discussed business opportunities and prospects for investment in upstream oil and gas, and in the field of petrochemicals in Algeria. They expressed their willingness to engage in promising projects that focus on the exchange of expertise and transfer of know-how, under the new laws on hydrocarbons and investment.

### Zaghdar holds discussions with Czech Minister of Industry and Trade



Minister of Industry Ahmed Zaghdar received Tuesday 22 November 2022, Czech Minister of Industry and Trade Jozef Sikela with whom he discussed the state of the industrial and economic relations between the two countries and ways to strengthen them.

The two sides who reaffirmed their countries' willingness to strengthen the joint cooperation, focused on "partnership areas and prospects between Algeria and Czech and their institutions, notably in the fields of food security, processing industries, renewable energy, mechanical industries, car industry and mining industry." The two sides agreed to "set up a joint working group to examine bilateral cooperation and bilateral opportunities in these fields for their realization in the short term and to intensify meetings and exchange of visits." Zaghdar emphasized the human and natural resources as well as Algeria's strategic situation which makes it one of the most important investment destinations. In this respect, he underlined the incentives and new advantages provided for by the law on the investment for foreign investors, calling on "the Czech companies to make the most of them and execute their projects in Algeria." For his part, Czech minister, who is on a working visit to Algeria, reaffirmed his country's willingness to promote and develop cooperation with Algeria. The two ministers chaired, in Algiers, the opening of Algeria-Czech business forum which last two days, in the presence of the two countries' businessmen.

### Arkab receives Undersecretary for Economic Negotiations of the Argentine's FM

Minister of Energy and Mines, Mohamed Arkab received on Wednesday 23 November 2022, in Algiers, Undersecretary for Economic Negotiations of the Argentine's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ramiro Ordoqui, with whom he discussed ways of strengthening bilateral cooperation in the fields of energy and mines. During this meeting, held at the ministry's headquarters in the presence of the Ambassador of Argentine to Algeria, the two parties reviewed the state of cooperation relations in the fields of energy and mining, as well as the opportunities to enhance them. According to the same source, the two sides hailed the "excellence" of relations between the two countries and expressed their interest in strengthening bilateral ties in the field of hydrocarbons, new and renewable energy, and nuclear energy. Moreover, Arkab and Ordoqui discussed also investment opportunities in the mining field.

### Sonatrach, two Senegalese oil companies sign MoU



Sonatrach Group signed Wednesday 2nd November 2022, in Algiers, a memorandum of understanding with two Senegalese oil companies to discuss the possibilities of cooperation in the upstream and downstream hydrocarbons.

The MoU was signed by CEO of Sonatrach Toufik Hakkar and Thierno Seydou Ly, General Manager of PETROSEN Exploration & Production, and Manar Sall, General Manager of PETROSEN Trading & Services.

### Sonatrach-Eni: "Solar Lab" opens, solar plant project launched in Ouargla



Sonatrach Group and Italian ENI opened on Thursday a laboratory for solar energy "Solar Lab" and laid the foundation stone of a second photovoltaic solar plant of 10 megawatts in Bir Rbaa Nord in the basin of Berkine (Ouargla). The launch ceremony of these partnership projects was led by Sonatrach's CEO Toufik Hakkar and ENI's CEO Claudio Descalzi, in the presence of ENI's president Lucia Calvosa, as well as managers of Sonatrach and members of the board of directors of ENI Group. "Solar Lab" laboratory aims to "test different types of photovoltaic panels in an extremely high level of solar radiation,". This laboratory will also "collect and analyze data to achieve a better level of technological performance in this field," said the source, adding that it will be open to universities and public institutions for research purposes. For Sonatrach, the laboratory is of "a strategic importance in terms of promoting and developing renewable energy in Algeria."

### Oil and gas revenues to exceed USD50 billion by late 2022



Minister of Energy and Mines Mohamed Arkab affirmed Sunday 6 November 2022, in Algiers, that Algerian oil and gas revenues will exceed USD50 billion by the end of current year. "Given the achievements made in September 2022, we anticipate a 2% increase in the hydrocarbon production and a rise in the country's oil and gas revenues by the end of current year, which will exceed USD50 billion.

A budget of USD3.6 billion has been devoted to the investment in the sector of energy and mines, i.e. up by 8% compared to the same period in 2021, according to the minister.

An amount of DZD1.7 billion has been devoted to the projects of the Atomic Energy Commission (COMENA) for the development of relating infrastructures and nuclear centers, while an amount of DZD23.3 billion has been allotted to the connection of six industrial estates to electricity and gas.

### The CEO of the Sonatrach Group calls to boost Sonatrach-ENI "strategic" relationship



The CEO of the Sonatrach Group, Toufik Hakkar called Thursday to boost the strategic relationship between the national hydrocarbon company and the Italian group ENI, especially through the opportunities offered by the international gas market. "The international energy market indicators are a golden opportunity for both companies to produce more natural gas and support the energy transition in Europe and Algeria," said Hakkar in an address at the inauguration ceremony of a laboratory specializing in solar energy "Solar Lab" and the laying of the foundation stone of a second solar photovoltaic plant of 10 megawatts (MW) in Bir Rbaâ North in the basin of Berkine (Ouragla). While recalling the existing potential in conventional and non-conventional hydrocarbons in Algeria, Hakkar assured that "the energy market, including European, is also very important in terms of gas demand over the next ten years."

**25 movies compete in International Film Festival of Algiers**



A total of 25 features, shorts and documentaries will compete in the 11th International Film Festival of Algiers early 2-10 December 2022, after a two-year absence due to the Covid-19 pandemic

**Algerian musical genre “Rai” listed by UNESCO cultural heritage of humanity**



United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) announced Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022, in Rabat, that the Algerian popular musical genre “Rai” has been included in the representative list of the intangible cultural heritage of humanity.

**New Ballet “El Djazaïr, Bin el bareh wel’youm,” path to prosperous Algeria**



The choreographic show “El Djazaïr, Bin el bareh wel’youm” (Algeria, between yesterday and today) was presented Saturday evening 19 November 2022, in Algiers, shedding light on the Algerian people’s sacrifices and heroism to regain their independence and their determination to rebuild everything and pave the path towards prosperity. Performed at Boualem Bessaih Opera of Algiers on the occasion of the celebrations of the 60th anniversary of the recovery of national independence, the show was written and staged by the director of Algiers Opera Fatma Zohra Namous Senouci. Lasting 65 minutes, “El Djazaïr, Bin el bareh wel’youm,” is a lively fresco, dealing with the sixty years of Algeria’s construction after a glorious Liberation War which enabled the recovery of the national sovereignty and has become the model par excellence of all the peoples struggling for their freedom.

### First allegiance to Emir Abdelkader, significant step in founding modern Algerian State



The first allegiance to Emir Abdelkader on November 27th, 1832, was a significantly historical step in founding the modern Algerian State, said professors specializing in the modern and contemporary history of Algeria from “Mustapha Stambouli” University of Mascara.

On the eve of the commemoration of the 190th anniversary of this historical event, Lahcen Djaker told that “the first oath of allegiance to Emir Abdelkader under the Derdara tree, in the region of Ghriss (province of Mascara), is “a significantly historical step in founding the modern Algerian State.”

“The oath of allegiance of the tribes ‘paved the way for the emergence of the beginnings of the modern Algerian State through the various institutions implemented by Emir Abdelkader, including the creation of an army, a new currency, and a law system,” he added. “Emir Abdelkader also enshrined the concept of jihad (struggle) among Algerians to resist the French occupation under his leadership which lasted 17 years,” he added.

### Author Nassira Belloula wins, in Montreal, Award of Excellence 2022



Algerian author Nassira Belloula won the Award of Excellence 2022 given by Fondation Club Avenir of Montreal in the Art section, in recognition of her “outstanding artistic contribution,” said the event’s organizers. This annual prize is based on the overall assessment of the personal work of every artist and its effects on the individuals. It aims at “encouraging the talents that are out of the ordinary by their originality” and the abundance of their ideas at the service of the human progress and the development of the society. Ms Belloula has been awarded several times at the national and international levels, including Arab Women’s Trophy (2010), Charles Gagnon Award (2019), both obtained in Canada. In addition to Kateb Yacine International Award for her novel “Land of Women” (2014), translated into Italian, Spanish and Tamazight.

**President Tebboune commends exceptional organization of World Cup Qatar 2022**



The President of the Republic, Abdelmadjid Tebboune welcomed Sunday 20 November 2022 in Doha the exceptional organization of the World Cup 2022 in Qatar, calling the opening ceremony excellent and great.

In a statement to the Qatari channel "Al-Kass" after the opening ceremony of the World Cup, President Tebboune said that "the organization is exceptional and honors the brotherly State of Qatar and the Arab world." The excellent organization has cut off all allegations and rumors that preceded the kickoff of this world event, continued the President of the Republic.

"We must be proud, as Arab countries, of the level reached by Qatar in the organization of such a global event," said the Algerian head of state, stressing that "all eyes are on Qatar. This is great and the organization is excellent." "I hope to see one day two Arab countries host a final of the World Cup,"

**The fifth International Rally of Algeria "Challenge Sahari"**



The first stage of the fifth International Rally of Algeria "Challenge Sahari" (Auto Moto), over a distance of 280 km, kicked off in the Seb Seb (50 Km south of Ghardaia) on the 12 November 2022, and ran through the desert area of El-Meniaa, in the shape of three rings (three stages of 180 km, 120 km and 135 km). The caravan subsequently returned to Ghardaia for the fifth and ultimate stage of 280 km, according to a plan established by the organizers. About forty teams have taken part in this fifth edition of the Challenge Sahari Rally, competing along more than 1000 Km of sandy tracks and dunes in five stages (Ghardaia-El Meniaa-Ghardaia). Organized by the Algerian Federation of Motorsport, in collaboration with "Sahara Event," the rally was a "real party for the enthusiasts of dune and sand motorsports," according to an organizing member. The competing teams, from host country Algerian, Libya, Tunisia, Spain, Portugal and France, crossed one thousand kilometres in four days in the desert of Ghardaia using the OWAKA tracking system."

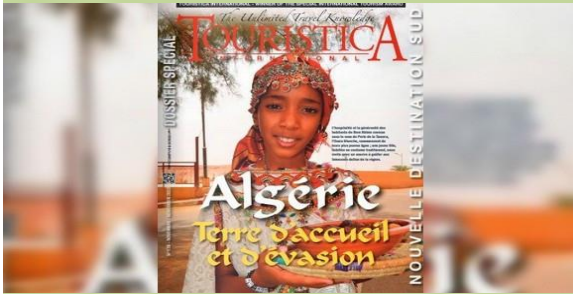
**International Committee of the Mediterranean Games: Algerian Amar Addadi named Honorary Life President**



Former president of the International Committee of the Mediterranean Games (ICMG), Algerian Amar Addadi, was named Honorary Life President of the ICMG. The title awarding ceremony took place Saturday 12 November 2022 on the sidelines of the extraordinary general assembly of the International Committee of the Mediterranean Games (11-12 November 2022), held in Tarente, the Italian city that will host the Mediterranean Games 2026. Amar Addadi had chaired the International Committee of the Mediterranean Games for 18 years, that is, five terms in a row.

The Mediterranean sports body has been chaired, since October 2021, by Italian Davide Tizzano.

## Canadian magazine devotes special report to Tourism in Algeria



The Canadian magazine “Touristica International” has devoted a special report to the destination Algeria, shedding light on a “rich history, amazing landscapes and heritage with ancestral roots.” Under the headline “Algeria, land of welcome and escape,” the magazine wrote that it is a “unique experience.” “We would have wished that all journalists and communicators in the tourism press were with us to contemplate this marvelous sight,” affirmed Georges El Kahy, the magazine’s founding chairman. The magazine, which took part in the 21st International Tourism and Travel Exhibition (SITEV), held recently in Algiers, considers Algeria as “the fruit of a rich history in addition to amazing landscapes and tangible and intangible heritage steeped in art and history with ancestral roots.” Highlighting Algeria’s tourism potential, the writer underlined a strong demand for booking to the Algerian South by tourists from several countries. In this edition, the magazine referred to the trip of a group of tourism professionals to the Algerian Sahara, notably from Canada and other European countries including Finland.

## 23rd International Craft Industry Exhibition (SIAT),



The Ministry of Tourism and Craft Industry organized from 24 November to 2 December at the Exhibition Centre of Algiers the 23rd International Craft Industry Exhibition (SIAT) This international event is meant to be an annual opportunity which enables “the craftsmen to promote their products reflecting authenticity, depth and diversity of the Algerian heritage.” It is also “a space to promote, market and exchange knowledge and expertise between the different players in this field.”

## The Sahara Tourism Season 2022-2023



Minister of Tourism and Crafts Yacine Hamadi kicked off Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022, from Djanet (2033 km southeast of Algiers), the Sahara Tourism Season 2022-2023. The minister emphasized the need to revive the sector of tourism and crafts, especially the Sahara tourism which is "the mainstay of the ministry's programme, drawn from the government's action plan, aimed at promoting tourism as a strategic economic sector." M. Hamadi stressed the need to provide all required resources, facilitation and support to tour operators to encourage them to draw tourists. Mentioning air transport, the minister said there was coordination among the concerned ministerial departments to ensure charter flight to the country's south. The minister seized the opportunity to enumerate "the tourism assets of our Sahara, which have impressed visitors from all parts of the world," calling it "a promising tourist destination."

## Algeria partakes in 28th International Travel Show in Poland

Algeria partakes in the International Travel Show (TT Warsaw) from 24 to 26 November 2022 in Warsaw (Poland), Algeria partakes in this show for the 7th time in order to implement the Algeria destination promotion program at the international level by showcasing investment opportunities,” added the source. “This event is the largest and most important tourism show in Poland and Eastern Europe. Operators and tourists are particularly interested in this show as Poland is a tourist market that both attracts and exports tourists.”