



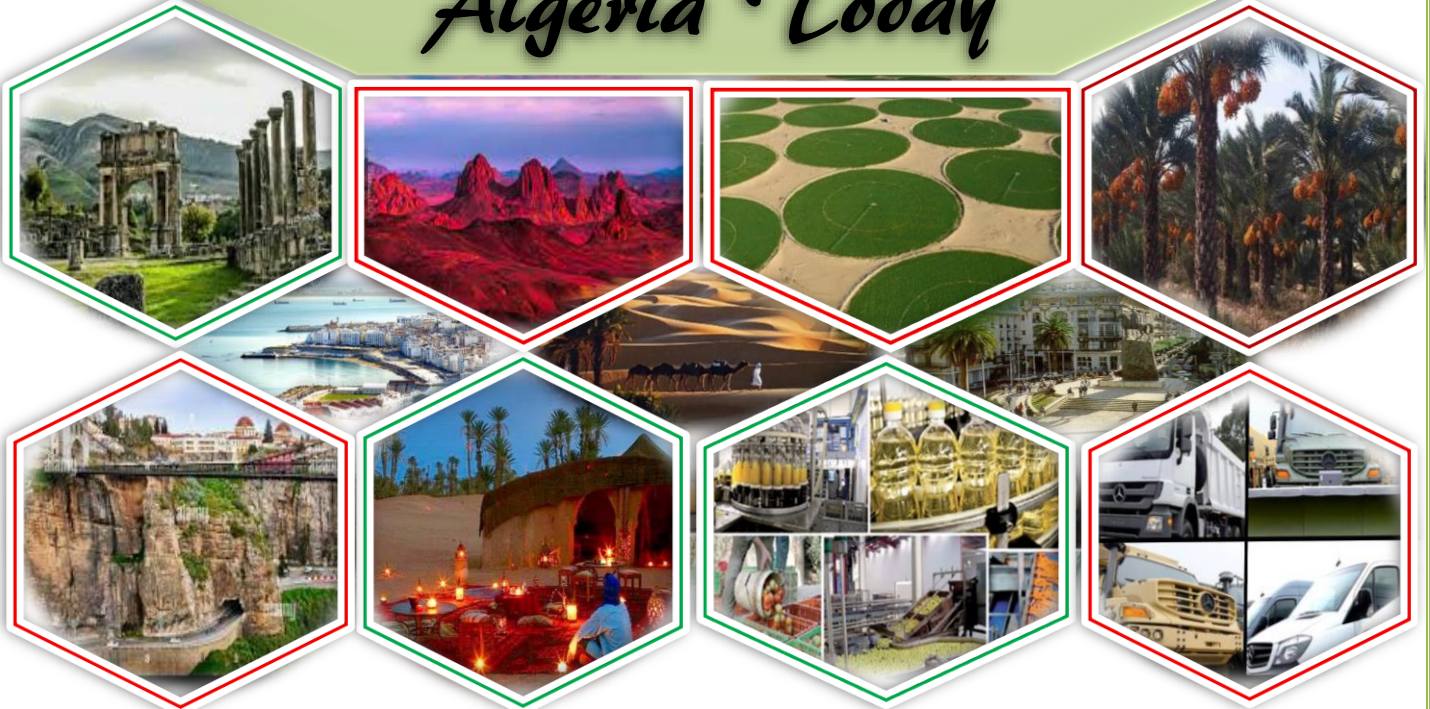
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Italy's Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni paid working and friendship visit to Algeria



President Tebboune welcomed, in a press briefing held jointly with Italy's Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, on Monday 23 January 2023, in Algiers, "the convergence of views between Algeria and Italy on the necessity of working together to contribute to the establishment of peace and security, notably in our Mediterranean region." Adding that.

"We underlined our extreme concern about the multiple conflict areas that threaten peace and stability in the world and cause worrying crises with negative effects on food security, notably the African continent," he pointed out.

President Abdelmadjid Tebboune, reaffirmed Algeria's determination to strengthen its strategic partnership with Italy in terms of energy and to honour its commitments as a reliable regional and international supplier, praising the level and quality of bilateral relations, especially in recent years.

Army Chief of Staff received in Paris by France's Army Minister



During his official visit to France, General Said Chanegriha, Chief of Staff of the People's National Army was received on the 24 January 2023, by Sebastien Lecornu, Minister of the French Armed Forces at the headquarters of the Ministry where squares of the various French forces paid him the military honors.

Subsequently, the Army General Chanegriha held "an extended meeting with the French Minister of the Armed Forces in the presence of Army General Thierry Burkhard, Chief of Staff of the French Armed Forces. The talks focused on ways to strengthen military and security cooperation relations between the two countries," said the statement.

The meeting culminated with the signing of a joint roadmap.



60th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Algeria and Finland

The Embassy of Algeria in Helsinki welcomes proudly the quality of the historical relations between Algeria and Finland over these last 60 years, characterized by friendship, cooperation and solidarity.

Foreign Policy

Ageria-EU : Mr. Lamamra discusses with Mr. Josep Borrell



Minister of Foreign Affairs and National Community Abroad, Mr. Ramtane Lamamra had, on Tuesday 24 January 2023, phone conversation with High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission Mr. Josep Borrell, at the initiative of the latter, the Ministry said in a statement.

“The discussions focused on the prospects to give new impetus to the partnership between Algeria and EU for the establishment of balanced and mutually beneficial relations.”

“The two officials also discussed regional issues of common interest, notably the crisis situations in the Sahel region and in the Middle East.”

Algeria spares no effort to strengthen rapprochement between African, Nordic countries



Minister of Foreign Affairs and National Community Abroad, Mr. Ramtane Lamamra, stressed Monday 16 January 2023 to his finnish counterpart Mr. Pekka Haavisto that Algeria will spare no effort to consolidate the rapprochement between the African and Nordic countries.

In a phone conversation at the initiative of Mr. Haavisto, the two Ministers discussed the preparation of the 20th meeting of Foreign Ministers of African and Nordic countries, planned in May in Algiers.

In this regard, Mr. Lamamra assured his interlocutor that “by succeeding Finland as head of this African-Nordic consultation framework, Algeria will spare no effort to consolidate the rapprochement between these countries in line with their traditional commitment to the objectives and principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter.”

The two Ministers welcomed the quality of the historical relations between the two countries, characterized by friendship and solidarity and which celebrate in this month of January the 60th anniversary of their establishment.”

They also seized this opportunity to exchange the views on several regional and international issues, as well as the next multilateral events of common interest.

Lamamra receives US Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs



Minister of Foreign Affairs and National Community Abroad, Mr. Ramtane Lamamra received on Saturday 21 January 2023, US Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs Mrs Michele Sison, who was on a working visit to Algeria.

The discussions were about the bilateral relations and prospects to strengthen the strategic dialogue and the economic cooperation between Algeria and the United States of America.”

“The two sides discussed a number of regional and international issues, as well as different aspects of multilateral diplomacy.”

The ministerial meeting of the Committee of Ten of the African Union (AU) on the reform of the UN Security Council,



Taking part in Brazzaville on Thursday 12 January 2023, in the work of the ministerial meeting of the Committee of Ten of the African Union (AU) on the reform of the UN Security Council, Minister of Foreign Affairs and National Community Abroad, Ramtane Lamamra welcomed, in his speech, "the strong support that the African position is receiving at the international level".

The meeting focused on the assessment of the progress made in the negotiation process on the reform of the Security Council, and this in light of efforts to promote the unified African position that emphasizes the need to allow the continent to obtain two permanent seats in the UN body, from three to five seats, in accordance with the content of the "Ezulwini Consensus" and "the Sirte Declaration."

17th PUIC Conference Algiers



The 17th Session of the Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States Conference (PUIC) opened Sunday 29 January 2023 against the backdrop of the challenges and threats facing the Muslim world.

Held under the theme "The Islamic World and the challenges of modernization and development," the meeting took place in the presence of the representatives of more than 35 Parliaments, including 22 Parliament speakers, which shows Algeria's "significant role" in international relations, especially in the Arab-Muslim world and at the international level.

The meeting of the MPs of the Islamic world, representing more than 1.8 billion people, came against a backdrop of threats and challenges facing the Muslim countries.

Those threats and challenges require that Muslims unify their positions, mainly to cope with the latest developments and deal with the attacks of the western far right movements against Muslims and their sacred symbols.

Algeria signs UN Joint statement supporting ICJ

Algeria, as the acting President of the Arab Summit and a member of the Arab troika in New York, has signed at the United Nations on behalf of the Arab group, with several countries, a joint statement reiterating their unwavering support to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and the international law, as a cornerstone of the international order, and their commitment to multilateralism.

The document's signatories, as UN member States, expressed "deep concern" about the occupation authorities' decision to impose punitive actions against the Palestinian people, leaders and civil society following a request for an ICJ advisory opinion by the UN General Assembly.

All of the countries reject the punitive measures and call for immediate repealing of the measure. The statement comes as a result of a series of sanctions taken by the occupation authorities against the Palestinian people and its leaders following the exercise of their democratic, peaceful and legal right to ask for an ICJ advisory opinion, adopted by the UN General Assembly.

The resolution was adopted by a large majority with 87 votes in favour, 26 against and 53 abstentions.

Minister of Foreign Affairs and National Community Abroad on working visit to Bamako



Minister of Foreign Affairs and National Community Abroad, Mr. Ramtane Lamamra, paid a working visit on Tuesday 10 January 2023 to Mali, where he was received by President of the Transition, Assimi Goïta, to whom he conveyed a message from President of the Republic, Abdelmadjid Tebboune, as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen fraternal relations and cooperation between the two countries, and speed up the pace of implementation of the Peace and Reconciliation Agreement resulting from the Algiers Process, given its extreme importance in preserving the unity, sovereignty and stability of the Republic of Mali and the entire region.

During his visit Mr. Lamamra, had several bilateral talks in the context of Algerian-Malian relations and efforts to establish peace and reconciliation in Mali.

The head of Algerian diplomacy also met, at the headquarters of the Algerian Embassy in Bamako, representatives of Malian movements signatories of the Algiers Agreement.

At the end of his visit, Lamamra chaired, at the headquarters of the Algerian Embassy, a coordination meeting with the International Mediation Group on Mali, made up of representatives of neighboring countries, permanent members of the UN Security Council, as well as representatives of regional and international organizations, including the UN, the African Union (AU), the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

Mr. Lamamra holds talks with Malian counterpart



Minister of Foreign Affairs and National Community Abroad, Ramtane Lamamra, held talks on Monday 16 January 2023 in Algiers, with his Malian counterpart, Abdoulaye Diop, as well as with Minister of National Reconciliation, responsible for the Peace and Reconciliation Agreement, Colonel Ismael Wagué.

The talks between the two parties focused on bilateral relations and the means for their development, in addition to the prospects for strengthening the pace of implementation of the Peace and Reconciliation Agreement in collaboration with all Malian parties under the monitoring mechanisms of the implementation of the Algiers' agreement.

During their visit, the two Malian Ministers were received by the President Abdelmadjid Tebboune.

UN Secretary General's Special Representative for Mali, Mr. El-Ghassim Wane, has commended the international mediation efforts of Algeria for the promotion of dialogue among the signatories of the Agreement on Peace and Reconciliation in Mali, resulting from Algiers process.

Speaking before the UN Security Council, on Friday 27 January 2023, about the implementation of the peace process, Wane noted that the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) and the other members of the international mediation team, led by Algeria, "have spared no effort to promote dialogue among the signatory parties (of the agreement) to break the deadlock."

"I encourage the parties to spare no effort to overcome the current difficulties and make decisive progress in the implementation of the peace agreement," he added.

The UN envoy for Mali stressed that the country's stabilisation was crucial to the whole region while the United Nations mission (the MINUSMA), he runs, has been deployed in Mali for nearly 10 years now.

"During this period, the UN mission has achieved a lot. However, the goals set by the Security Council are not fully achieved yet, and significant changes have occurred."

The special representative of the UN secretary general for Libya welcomes Algeria's efforts to settle crisis in Libya



The Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Libya and head of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (MANUL), Mr. Abdoulaye Bathily, welcomed Tuesday 24 January 2023, evening Algeria's efforts for the settlement of the crisis in that country, calling on the international community to back a process allowing the recovery of stability in Libya.

"Algeria has always committed itself to put an end to the crisis (in Libya), and today I've come here to ask for its opinion and suggestions on the way to combine efforts with the United Nations and other international actors," Mr. Bathily said in a press statement following an audience granted to him by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and National Community Abroad, Mr. Ramtane Lamamra.

The UN envoy thanked the "Algerian Government and people for (Algeria's) efforts to end the crisis in Libya."

Noting that there was no significant development in relation to the situation in Libya, Mr. Bathily said it was important that all "those concerned by the crisis, starting with the Libyans, committed themselves to put an end (to the crisis)."

Lamamra on working visit to Libya



Minister of Foreign Affairs and National Community Abroad, Mr. Ramtane Lamamra paid on Sunday 21 January 2023, a working visit to Libya where he had bilateral talks with Libyan high authorities and took part in the periodic consultation meeting of Arab Foreign Affairs Ministers, held in Tripoli.

Mr. Lamamra held talks with his Libyan counterpart Najla Al-Mangoush with whom he discussed the Algerian-Libyan fraternal relations and prospects of their strengthening, in addition to issues of common interest at the continental level.

Mr. Lamamra's participation in the consultation meeting of Arab Foreign Ministers enabled discussing the implementation of the decision of the Arab Summit, held in November in Algiers, and the latest developments on the Arab scene.

"During this meeting, marked by the participation of representatives of the United Nations (UN) and the African Union (AU), the emphasis was placed on the evolution of the political process in Libya and ways to unify the UN and AU efforts in cooperation with the neighboring countries, in order to reach a consensus enabling the Libyan parties to achieve an inclusive national reconciliation and organize democratic elections that end the crisis once and for all,"

Algeria plays central role in achieving regional stability

Algeria is a "leader in the resolution of conflicts at the regional level, due to its central role in the consecration of stability, particularly in the Sahel region," said Tuesday in Algiers US Assistant Secretary of State in charge of international organisations, Mrs. Michele Sison.

Speaking at a press conference held at the headquarters of the US embassy in Algiers, on the sidelines of her working visit to Algeria, Sison stressed that "Algeria has played, as part of mediation, a leading role in the achievement of regional stability, particularly in the Sahel," stressing the "strong" interest of the United States and Algeria in ensuring stability in the region.

She recalled Algeria's mediation for the settlement of the crisis in Mali, which allowed the parties in conflict in the country to sign the Peace and Reconciliation Agreement, resulting from the 2015 Algiers process, adding that "Algeria still remains a regional leader in strengthening the settlement of current conflicts."

Mrs. Sison stressed Washington's ongoing support for the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in Mali (MINUSMA), which is working with "dedication" to protect civilians in that country.

She also stressed the importance of civil society, human rights organisations and the media, "which can be key partners for the government of a country that aspires to implement its international human rights commitments", recalling in this regard the election of Algeria and the United States to the Human Rights Council (HRC).

Algeria, Malta express satisfaction with quality of bilateral relations



Mr. Amar Belani, Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and National Community abroad co-chaired Tuesday 17 January 2023 in Algiers, with Mr. Christopher Cutajar, Permanent Secretary of the Maltese Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs and Trade, the periodic meeting of Algerian-Maltese political consultations.

During this meeting, the two parties "discussed the state of bilateral relations, as well as means to further promote them in terms of political and economic reforms implemented by Algeria and the new realities imposed by the geopolitical and economic global environment,".

Mr. Belani and Mr. Cutajar expressed their "satisfaction with the quality of bilateral relations and reiterated the joint commitment of Algeria and Malta to boost their economic and trade partnership,"

In this regard, the two officials agreed to convene the 6th session of the Joint Commission Algerian-Maltese in 2023, "to strengthen sectoral cooperation and exchanges between economic actors of both countries and take full advantage of the benefits granted by the new regulatory framework for investment in Algeria.

9th session of Algeria-France political consultations in Algiers

The 9th session of the Algeria-France political consultations began Wednesday 25 January 2023, in Algiers, in the presence of the Secretaries General of the Algerian and French Ministries of Foreign Affairs.

The Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and National Community Abroad, Mr. Amar Belani highlighted "the need to continue the efforts undertaken by both sides to further raise the level of relations and articulate them together to appropriate responses, including the two essential markers of our global relationship that are memory and mobility and the basis of the renewed partnership to which we aspire."

For her part, the Secretary General of the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, Mrs. Anne-Marie Descotes said that five months after the official and friendship visit of the French President to Algiers and Oran last August, "a new stage is being built in the relationship between our two countries that we want full of trust." Accompanied by a score of senior officials of cooperation, Descotes stressed that the visit of 15 French Ministers in Algiers last October for the High-Level Intergovernmental Committee, identified new areas of cooperation, welcoming the fact that contacts at the level of administrations are gaining in frequency and fluidity since the fall for a better understanding.

4th Algerian-Romanian political consultations held in Bucharest



The 4th Algerian-Romanian political consultations were held Monday 9 January 2023, in Bucharest, under the chairmanship of Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and National Community Abroad Mr. Amar Belani and Romanian Secretary of State for Global Affairs and Diplomatic Strategies Mr. Traian Hristea .

At the bilateral level, the two sides agreed to promote the cooperation in the fields of agriculture, higher education, research, innovation, renewable energy and the new information and communication technologies and to raise them up to the excellent political relations existing between the two countries since the establishment of their diplomatic relations in 1962.

As regards regional and international issues of common interest, the two sides, that exchanged views on the international crises and those related to Algeria's immediate neighborhood (Western Sahara, Mali, Libya, Sahel, Middle East) "strongly stressed the necessity of respecting multilateralism and international law when dealing with these crises.

During his visit, Mr. Belani held discussions with the Romanian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Bogdan-Lucian Aurescu, who underlined on this occasion "his strong willingness to work for the strengthening of the relations between the two countries, in view of the great potential for the bilateral cooperation.

The 7th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF) will be held in Algeria



The 7th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF) will be held in Algeria, probably in the capital, at the end of the current year, the Forum's Secretary General, Mohamed Hamel, who had work visit to Algeria on the 26 and 27 January 2023.

"The year 2023 will mark another poignant moment in the GECF-Algeria relationship with the hosting of the 7th Summit of Heads of State and Government, probably in Algiers, at the end of this year,".

Underlining Algeria's "central role" in founding the GECF in the early 2000s, Hamel said that "Algeria is a pillar of the Gas Exporting Countries Forum and continues to play an important role today" within this intergovernmental organisation which currently includes 19 member countries and accounts for 72% of the world's proven gas reserves and 44% of marketed production.

This will provide "a framework for scientific and technological cooperation between the member countries. It will serve as a vehicle for cooperation with other similar institutes around the world and will also be a professional development tool for experts from member countries, through the organisation of training, seminars and workshops.

Algeria provides all conditions to which investors aspire



Minister of Industry Mr. Ahmed Zaghdar announced Friday 27 January 2023, in Algiers, that the public authorities have adopted a new vision as part of the legal system on investment, to adapt to the global changes and establish a trusting business climate to diversify the economy and create job opportunities for specialists.

During the works of an international seminar on "the role of lawyers in accompanying the investment and dispute resolution," held at the International Centre of Conferences CIC Abdelatif Rahal, the Minister said that the objective of the public authorities is to "create a trusting investment climate, based on the liberalization of investment and able to promote wealth and job-generating investment for young skilled people throughout the national territory."

The new law on investment aims mainly at developing priority sectors of activity with high added-value, by ensuring a sustainable and balanced development, developing natural resources and local raw materials and by backing the competitiveness of the national economy and its export capacity.

The public authorities are working currently on the consolidation of trust in the legal system as well as the stability of the legislative framework, the strengthening of the attractiveness and the improvement of competitiveness of Algeria as an investment destination, by enshrining the principle of the freedom to invest, transparency and equality in the treatment of investments and by enshrining the guarantees destined to investors.

The public authorities' new approach is based on the adaptation of the mechanisms devoted to the investment through the reform of the National Investment Council (CNI), the reorganization of the National Investment Development Agency (ANDI), which has become the Algerian Investment Promotion Agency (AAPI), in addition to the creation of a single counter for big projects and foreign investments and the strengthening of the role of decentralized single counters.

Algeria hosts headquarters of Research Institute of GECF



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and National Community Abroad signed Thursday 26 January 2023, an agreement with the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF) to host the headquarters of the Gas Research Institute (GRI) in Algiers.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, the Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and National Community Abroad, Mr. Amar Belani said that Algeria as a founding member of the GECF "has the honor of hosting this Institute that will work to find effective and innovative technological solutions to strengthen the place of natural gas in the energy transition process."

"Hosting the headquarters of GRI in Algeria comes as a sign of recognition and confidence in the country and the pioneering role of Algeria in strengthening dialogue and cohesion between member countries through its efforts to make the Forum an active organization on the international scene," he continued.

The Secretary General of the GECF said this convention is part of the implementation of the decision of member countries to expand their cooperation in the field of technology through the establishment of the Gas Research Institute as a framework for scientific cooperation to exchange information, support innovation and share expertise, skills and training.

The Gas Research Institute will be "a platform for cooperation in the field of technology and an effective mechanism for developing partnerships with research centers and universities in member countries and related centers around the world," he stated.

Recalling the unanimity on the choice of Algeria to host the headquarters of the Institute, Hamel said it "is a recognition of the valuable and active role of Algeria in the GECF and its mastery of advanced techniques related to the exploitation of natural gas, especially since Algeria has been a pioneer in the field of natural gas since 1964 and has mastered the production chains."

Algeria, Italy to implement new extremely important gas pipeline project in short time



The Sonatrach group and the Italian group "ENI" signed, on Monday 23 January 2023, in Algiers, two strategic agreements on increasing gas supplies and reducing emissions.

This protocol "will be based on the evaluation of the following four axes: the extension of the existing gas transport capacity, the installation of a new gas pipeline to transport natural gas and alternatively hydrogen and blue and green ammonia, the installation of a submarine electric cable.

As for the second protocol of strategic objectives, it will "identify the opportunities for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Algeria and the best technologies for implementing such a reduction,».

"These new agreements further strengthen the partnership between Italy and Algeria and confirm Sonatrach's key role as one of the main European energy suppliers,"

Webinar of the FINNISH-ALGERIAN Business Council



On 18 January 2023, the Finnish-Algerian Business Council organized a webinar with the Africa Business Network of the Finland Chamber of Commerce. The program included success stories of Finnish Companies in Algeria, and introduction of the new Algerian Investment Law followed by Q&A.

Algeria Fintech & E-Commerce Summit to be held 18-19 February 2023 in Algiers



The first Algeria Fintech & E-Commerce Summit will be held 18-19 February 2023 in Algiers.

The event will be held under the patronage of the Minister of Knowledge Economy, Startups and Micro-Businesses, the Minister of Digitization and Statistics and the Minister of Post and Telecommunications, in partnership with the Algerian Grouping of Digital Players (GAAN) and the grouping of economic Interest "GIE-Monetics," the

The main goal of the summit, to be held at the International Convention Centre, is to "participate in the development of e-commerce activity and online payment in Algeria and to significantly contribute to the Government's objectives in the field," It is also meant to be a "forum for a constructive debate on issues relating to fintech and e-commerce," and an "opportunity to build special relationships with potential partners and customers.

Algeria, Cameroon sign agreement on creation of business council



Algerian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Cameroon's Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Crafts signed on the 26 January 2023, an agreement for the creation of an Algerian-Cameroonian Business Council.

The agreement was signed by the president of the Algerian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Kamel Hamani, and his Cameroonian counterpart, Christophe Eken, in a ceremony attended by Algeria's ambassador to Cameroon, Boumediene Mahi.

The signing of the agreement was the culmination of a visit organized by the Algerian chamber, in collaboration with the Algerian Confederation of Algerian Companies, for an Algerian businessmen delegation to Cameroon on the 23 January 2023.

The visit was organized to boost economic cooperation and promote trade between African states, explore partnership opportunities between Algerian economic operators and their Cameroonian counterparts and get acquainted with the potential of the African market.



Algerian startup offering solutions in agriculture awarded

The startup "FARM AI" managed to get the second place in the international competition organized by the Chinese firm Huawei, for having created an innovative solution to the fungal disease using artificial intelligence

Celebration of Yennayer 2973 and TOP 3 Most Influential Algerians in Finland in 2022



TOP3 Most Influential Algerians in Finland in 2022 was organized by the Algerian Embassy in Helsinki. A ceremony of awards was held in Kalliolan Setlementti RY on Saturday 14 January 2023. Three distinguished Algerians were recognized for their outstanding achievements. The three recipients received their awards from H.E.Mr. Djamel Moktefi, Ambassador of Algeria to Finland. The event was attended by members of the Algerian community.

Algerian films to compete at 8th Panorama International Short Film Festival in Tunis



Algerian short films will compete at the 8th Panorama International Short Film Festival in Tunis, scheduled for 7-11 February 2023.

Algerian short films enter the competition, like the fiction "404" by Smail Bouiche and "No Order in The Order" by Sifeddine Boudebouz, as well as the short documentary "Hizem Ech'Charaf" (Belt of Honor) by Ammar Nabi, and will compete for the prizes for the best films of "fiction, documentary, animation, and School".

The eighth edition of this festival will see the participation of 51 short films from 23 countries, such as Palestine, Syria, Senegal, Turkey, Russia, Italy, Canada, Singapore, Kazakhstan, Iran and South Africa.

Created in 2016, the festival is organized by the Tunisian National Center of Cinema and Image and the Cinematheque of Tunis, in collaboration with a local association, with the aim of providing a venue for the screening of Tunisian and foreign short films and facilitating mutual assistance between different participating filmmakers.

Yennayer: Ghardaia hosted the official festivities



The official festivities celebrating the new Amazigh year, Yennayer 2973, were kicked off Wednesday 11 January 2023 in Ghardaia by Secretary General of the High Commission for Amazighity (HCA) Si El-Hachemi Assad.

An exhibition on the tangible and intangible cultural heritage of Khenchela opened on Tuesday 10 January 2023 at Bastion 23, on the occasion of the celebration of the new Amazigh year (Yennayer 2973) with a programme comprising artistic and cultural activities reflecting the region's authenticity.

About fifteen troupes were taking part in the 1st festival of folk female troupes "Urar n'lkhalat," launched on Monday 09 January 2023 in Tizi Ouzou by the local directorate of culture and arts, on the occasion of the celebration of the new Amazigh year Yennayer.

Prime Minister kicks off CHAN 2022 on behalf of President of the Republic



Prime Minister Aïmene Benabderrahmane kicked off on Friday 13 January 2023, afternoon, on behalf of President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune, the 7th African Nations Championship (CHAN 2022) whose opening ceremony is being held in Nelson-Mandela Stadium, in Baraki (Algiers).

The opening ceremony of this championship, which runs until 4 February 2023, is held in the presence of members of the Government and representatives of international and local football bodies, including the President of the International Federation of Football FIFA, Gianni Infantino, President of the African Confederation of Football CAF Patrice Motsepe, President of the Algerian Federation of Football FAF Djahid Zefizet as well as the grandson of Nelson Mandela, Zwelivelile.

President of the Republic inaugurates new Nelson Mandela Stadium in Baraki, Algiers



President of the Republic, Abdelmadjid Tebboune officially inaugurated on Thursday 12 January 2023, in Algiers, the new stadium of Baraki named after the South African leader, the late Nelson Mandela.

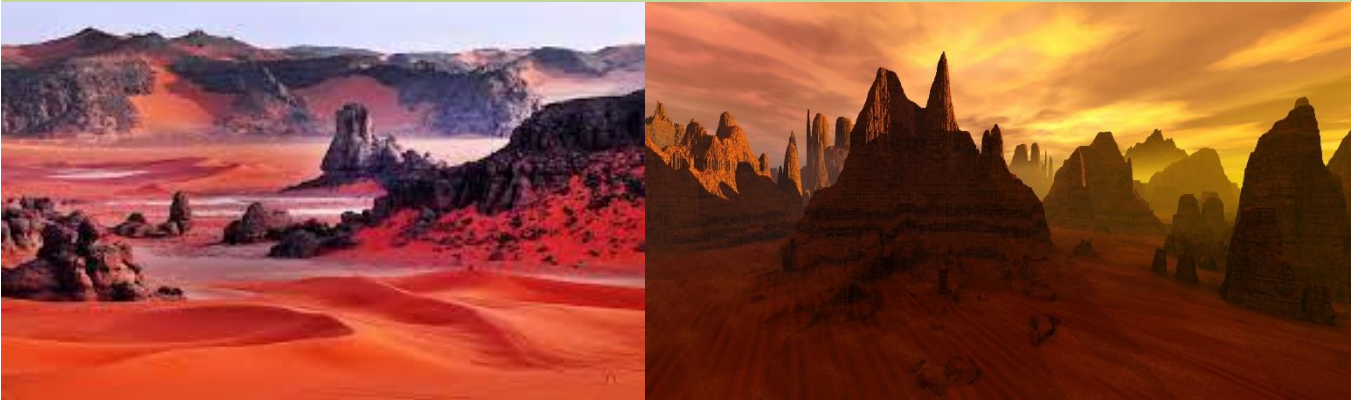
The inauguration ceremony was attended by the grandson of Nelson Mandela, President of the International Federation of Football (FIFA), Gianni Infantino, President of the Confederation of African Football (CAF), Patrice Motsepe, President of the Algerian Football Federation (FAF), Djahid Zefizet, and President of the Algerian Olympic and Sports Committee (COA), Abderrahmane Hammad.

Algerian, international artists at opening of 7th CHAN



The Algerian artists Soolking, Toto, the group of desert blues Tikoubaouine, and the Congolese singer Dadju, have enlivened, on 13 January 2023, at the Nelson-Mandela stadium of Baraki in Algiers, the opening ceremony of the 7th African Nations Football Championship (CHAN-2022).

The "New York Times" ranks "Tassili N'Ajjer" as one of the among the tourist places to visit in 2023



The American newspaper New York Times has compiled a list of 52 tourist spots in the world that are worth a visit based on several criteria, including the beauty of the landscapes, the local culture, the cuisine and the adventure element that the selected sites offer.

"Algeria, home to the Tassili N'Ajjer, is just a stone's throw from the western Mediterranean and has recently made it easier for tourists to obtain visas to visit the sights in its deep south," the New York Times said, calling it "a godsend for exploring the country".

"Algeria, the largest country in Africa, is home to the Tassili N'Ajjer, a national park eight times the size of Yellowstone in the United States," the paper said.

Describing the site, the New York Times writes: "in the heart of the vast Saharan landscape of sand and stone, lie the dunes and reliefs of the Red Tadrart".

It points out that the Tassili N'Ajjer, accessible only by 4x4 vehicle, "is home to thousands of rock paintings and engravings dating back to the time when the desert was a flourishing savannah".

Foreign tourists wishing to visit southern Algeria through approved national tourism and travel agencies can obtain a regularisation visa on arrival without having to apply for an ordinary visa, the Algerian authorities recently announced as part of efforts to promote Saharan tourism.

A new weekly service between Paris (France) and Djanet (southern Algeria) has been opened in this context, with a flight scheduled every Saturday from Paris-Charles-de-Gaulle airport.

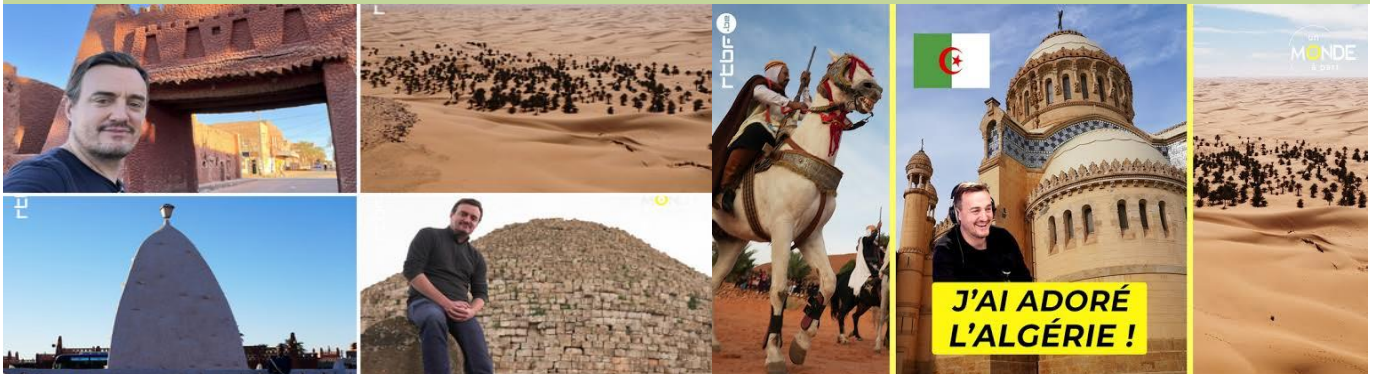
Towards strengthening reception structures, improving services



Minister of Tourism and Craft Industry Mr. Yacine Hamadi affirmed Thursday 5 January 2023, in Algiers, that his department is working on developing tourism activity through the strengthening of reception structures, development of services and the promotion in order to attract tourists. The Minister said that his sector "is working on strengthening tourism investments by giving the investors incentives to execute their projects according to scientific standards and to improve the quality of their services."

"We noted that most Algerian tourists chose, last year, to spend their holidays in their country, thanks to the competitive prices, availability of reception structures and the quality of services," The Minister insisted on "the importance of backing the partnership with all the players to revive the tourism sector," underlining "the forthcoming activation of the National Tourism Council."

A Belgian journalist recounts his trip to Algeria in a radio



A Belgian journalist devoted radio interview , following a trip that took him to several regions of Algeria where tourism is "rather discreet but where travellers will have a more authentic trip".

Mr. François Mazure, producer and presenter of the escape and discovery programme "Un monde à part" (A world apart), devoted a radio column, entitled "Inspiration: Algeria as a tourist destination", to his account of his stay from 8 to 11 December last year, on the fringes of the international festival of Saharan tourism.

In this column, broadcast on 23 December 2022, on RTBF radio, Mr Mazure said that his stay in Algeria enabled him to discover "a continental country, the largest on the African continent, with a variety of scenery, cultures, populations and a truly exceptional history". A country, he said, where "tourism is rather discreet, but where travel lovers will have a more authentic trip".

The guest of Algeria also said that he was impressed by the hospitality of the Algerians who, according to him, consider the tourist "as a visitor who can move around in a completely natural way".

Referring to his meeting with the Minister of Tourism and Handicrafts, the Belgian journalist praised "the real will to develop authentic tourism for tourists who like to travel in the light of a political will to preserve history and sites, many of which are listed as UNESCO World Heritage sites".

Describing his trip to the country as an extraordinary experience, the journalist called on his compatriots to go and discover Algeria and live this experience.

It should be recalled that Mr. François Mazure plans to start broadcasting, from February 2023, photos taken during his stay in Ghardaïa, Timimoune and Algiers, notably on the social networks of RTBF and its programme "Un monde à part".

He also expressed his wish to make another visit to Algeria to produce a documentary in a place and with a local population that would be characterised by a way of life and a habitat specific to its community.

