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President Bouteflika hosts his Malian counterpart for talks

The president of the Republic, Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, met for talks last Aug. 31 in Algiers with his Malian counterpart Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, who arrived for a three-day friendship visit in Algeria.

After their meeting, both heads of state reaffirmed their "commitment" to strengthen and diversify bilateral relations between Algeria and Mali through various cooperation mechanisms, including the Joint High Commission, the Bilateral Strategic Committee and the Bilateral Borders Committee.

The Malian president's visit to Algeria was also highlighted by a ceremony during which President Keita awarded the medal of "Great Cross of the National Order of Merit", his country's highest distinction, to President Bouteflika, in recognition for the efforts that Mr. Bouteflika has deployed in support of peace in Mali.

President Keita's visit also featured meetings with numerous Algerian political leaders and members of the government, including namely Prime Minister Abdelmalek Sellal and the Speaker of the People's National Assembly.



President Bouteflika addresses a message to the nation as it commemorates the events of 20 August 1955

In a message addressed to the Algerian nation as it celebrated the popular uprising of 20 August 1955 and the ensuing exactions perpetrated by the French colonial armed forces and settlers against the unarmed Algerian Muslim population in cities of eastern Algeria, including Skikda (then known as Phillipeville) and El-Alia, President Abdelaziz Bouteflika urged the Algerian people to stand as one against terrorism and its barbarity and devastation and to remain united against pessimistic and defeatist perceptions. In the same vein, the head of the state reiterated Algeria's strong commitment to a unified Arab Maghreb.



Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Ramtane Lamamra

Minister of State, Minister for Foreign affairs and International Cooperation Ramtane Lamamra met on Aug. 3 in Algiers with Mrs. Aisha Abdullahi, the African Union's Commissioner for Political Affairs. Their meeting dealt namely with several current issues relating to the African Continent, including Western Sahara and Burundi.

Mr. Lamamra hosted as well on Aug. 5 his Sahrawi counterpart Salem Ould Salek. Speaking to media representatives after the meeting, Mr. Ould Salek stressed that his talks with the head of Algerian diplomacy underscored the "convergence of views" between him and Mr. Lamamra on several current regional and international issues as well as on the issue of Western Sahara proper.

Algeria's top diplomat also held talks on Aug. 26 in Algiers with Mr. Mongi Hamdi, head of the United Nations Mission in Mali (MINUSMA). Emerging from his meeting with Mr. Lamamra, the UN representative called for conjugated efforts aimed at defeating parties bent on undermining the implementation in Mali of the peace agreement reached in Algiers and for a continuation of the international mediation efforts led by Algeria.

Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Ramtane Lamamra met on Aug. 28 in Algiers with Mr. James R. Clapper, Director of National Intelligence of the United States. Their meeting dealt mainly with Algerian-American relations and regional and international issues of mutual interest.

Additionally, the head of Algerian diplomacy hosted his Malian counterpart Abdoulaye Diop for talks on Aug. 31, in the Algerian capital. After his meeting with Mr. Lamamra, Mr. Diop declared that the agreement for peace and reconciliation in Mali had entered a "test" phase and that the agreement was a significant achievement, in spite of recent security incidents.



Minister for Maghreb, African Union and Arab League Affairs Abdelkader Messahel

Mr. Abdelkader Messahel, Minister for Maghreb, African Union and Arab League Affairs, speaking at a press briefing convened on Aug. 1 in Algiers after a meeting held between Mr. Bernardino León, Special Representative of UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and head of the UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL), and a delegation from the Libyan General National Congress, declared that "the 4th draft agreement is a positive step" but that "the Libyans themselves need to deploy most of the efforts required to overcome the crisis" experienced in their country.

In remarks delivered at a meeting held on Aug. 5 in Cairo, Egypt, by the Ministerial Commission for the Arab Peace Initiative in the Middle East, Mr. Messahel reaffirmed "Algeria's solidarity with the Palestinian people" and reiterated its principled and inalienable position in support of the Palestinian cause.

On Aug. 6, Mr. Messahel met in Cairo, Egypt, with Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shukri. During their meeting, the two ministers exchange views on the Libyan issue, among others, and underscored the urgency for that country to implement the UN agreement.

Mr. Messahel took part in the proceedings of the Global Forum for Youth, Peace and Security convened in the Jordanian capital Amman this past month. In remarks delivered on that occasion, the Algerian minister for Maghreb, African Union and Arab League Affairs underscored the "special place" held by Algerian youth in the life of their country and stressed at the same time the important role played by the government in encouraging young people to strive to achieve.

Mr. Messahel also held activities on the sidelines of the forum, holding talks with Jordan's Vice-President of the Council of Ministers and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the kingdom, Mr. Nacer Jawda. Their meeting dealt with counterterrorism-related issues and the situation prevailing in Libya.



Algeria grants humanitarian aid to Niger

Algeria shipped some thirty tons of food products and pharmaceuticals in humanitarian aid to neighboring Niger. The Algerian aid was intended for the Nigerien cities of Agadez and Niamey.



Algeria-Jordan: Both countries satisfied with their cooperation level

In remarks made in Algiers after a recent meeting, the Algerian and Jordanian ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Messrs. Tahar Hadjar and Hani Dhamour, respectively, voiced their satisfaction with the "excellent" level of cooperation in their area between Algeria and Jordan and they reiterated their commitment to strengthen further and diversify exchanges between universities of both countries.



Constitutional Council - African Union



Speaking on Aug. 4 in Algiers at the conclusion of the proceedings of African Union working groups focusing on "Constitutionalism and the Rule of Law" and "Human Rights and Transitional Justice", the president of Algeria's Constitutional Council, Mr. Mourad Medelci, declared that conditions were ripe for implementation of the African Architecture for Governance (AAG). Pursuing, Mr. Medelci noted that AAG "now boasts a work program and an elected executive board entrusted with ensuring the required

cohesiveness between AU member states."

Algerian humanitarian aid dispatched to Sahrawi refugees



The Algerian Red Crescent (ARC) has decided to ship 316 tons of food and pharmaceutical products in humanitarian aid to Sahrawi refugees, ARC president Saida Benhabylès declared in statement released last August.

Algeria-Egypt: Cooperation memorandum signed

Algeria and Egypt signed in Algiers a memorandum calling for cooperation in the area of corruption. The memorandum covers the organization of training sessions in capacity-building and expertise for concerned authorities.



Algeria-United Nations: UN official hails Algerian policies and programs for youth integration

In remarks delivered at the opening session of the UN Forum for Algerian Youth, which was convened in Algiers on the occasion of World Youth Day, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Algeria Cristina Amaral stressed that "globally, Algeria has deployed enormous efforts toward youth integration" as she highlighted the significance of young people as human capital, saying that empowered youth can be a "vector for development in Algeria."



Algeria-UNDF: Visiting official "impressed" by Algeria in supporting democracy and fighting radicalization

In a statement made during a recent working visit to Algeria, UN Democracy Fund (UNDF) Executive Director Annika Saville expressed her satisfaction with the work done by Algeria to support democracy and fight radicalization, calling it "impressive" and encouraging the country to share its experience with other countries around the world. Mrs. Saville also expressed the wish to see Algeria share its experience in advancing women's rights and the involvement of civil society in social action.

The UN official also met with several high officials of the Algerian government. During her meetings, Mrs. Saville and her hosts examined the progress achieved in the area related to women's and youth issues and to discuss cooperation opportunities between Algeria and the United Nations Organization. The UNDF Executive Director availed herself of the opportunity of her visit to underline her willingness to work with Algeria on issues of mutual interest.



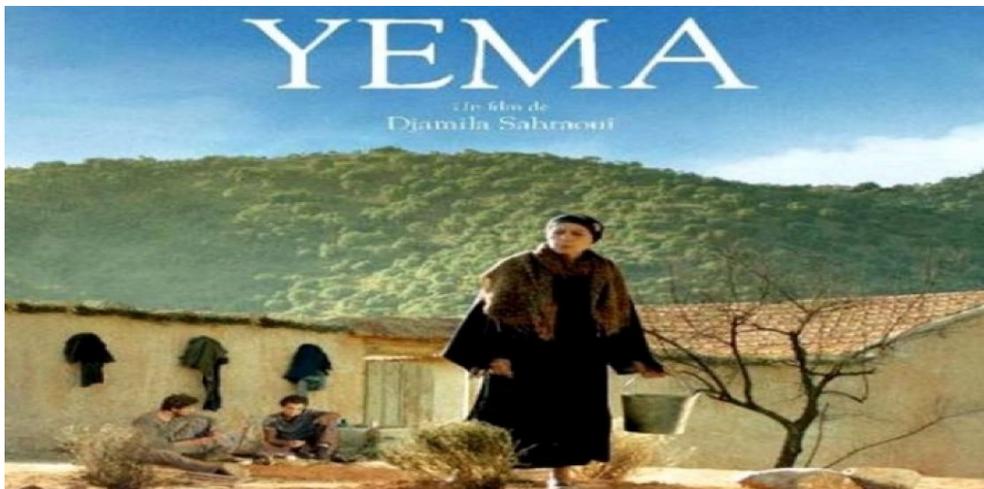
**Timgad International Music Festival:
400 artists from 11 countries, including the U.S.**

The 37th edition of the Timgad International Music Festival, held on July 30-Aug. 6, was dedicated to "Unity of the Country and the People of Algeria". One of oldest artistic events in Algeria, the Timgad festival (named after the world-renowned ancient city of Roman times in eastern Algeria) registered this year the participation of 400 artists from 11 foreign countries, including the United States, with the band Magic of Motown.



**10th Festival of Arab Cinema in Brazil:
The movie "Yema", featured Algerian selection**

The movie "Yema" by the Algerian director Djamila Sahraoui will represent Algeria at the 10th edition of Brazil's Festival of Arab Cinema, convening Aug. 12-Sept. 12, 2015, in Sao Paulo.



2021 Mediterranean Games: Oran selected to host regional competition



The Mediterranean Games International Committee selected in late August the Algerian city of Oran to host the 19th edition of the Mediterranean Games in 2021. In a message, President Abdelaziz Bouteflika congratulated the people of Oran and called the city's selection "a great honor for the capital city of the west of the country and for all of Algeria."

Goal-ball-African championships (lead-up competition): Algeria over Jordan

The Algerian men's goal-ball national selection won the Sharm Al-Sheikh (Egypt) International Tournament, beating in finals the Jordanian selection. The tournament was part of the competition leading up to the African championships scheduled to be held next November in Algeria.



Volleyball Arab Championship (16-17 year-olds): Algeria over Morocco



The Algerian national squad (16-17 year-old Boys) competing in the Volleyball Arab Championship won the title by defeating the Moroccan team.