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Two Trains Collide in Toledo

The President of the Republic Offers His Condolences to the King of Spain



On Wednesday, the President of the Republic, Mr. Abdelmadjid Tebboune, sent a message to King Felipe VI of Spain, in which he offered his sincere condolences following the tragic collision of two trains in Toledo, assuring His Majesty and the friendly Spanish people of his sympathy and solidarity.

“Your Majesty, in these painful and difficult circumstances, as your friendly nation mourns the tragic collision of two trains in Toledo, which has claimed many lives and left several injured, I wish to express to you, as well as to the friendly Spanish people, on behalf of Algeria—its people and government—and on my own behalf, my deep sorrow, my heartfelt sympathy, and my full solidarity as you face the painful consequences of this tragic accident,” the message of condolence reads.

“While offering my sincere condolences to you, to the families of the victims, and to the friendly Spanish people, I wish to reiterate to Your Majesty, the Spanish government, and the Spanish people my full solidarity and sympathy during this particularly painful ordeal. While wishing a speedy recovery to those who were injured, I remain convinced that your government will be able to mitigate the consequences of this tragedy,” continued the President of the Republic.

“Please accept, Your Majesty, the assurance of my highest regard and deepest respect,” concluded the President of the Republic.

The President of the Republic Chairs a Coordination Meeting

The President of the Republic, Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, and Minister of National Defense, Mr. Abdelmadjid Tebboune, chaired a coordination meeting on Wednesday.



Participating in the meeting were Army General Saïd Chanegriha, Minister Delegate to the Minister of National Defence and Chief of Staff of the People's National Army; Mr. Ahmed Attaf, Minister of State, Minister of Foreign Affairs, National Community Abroad, and African Affairs; Lieutenant General Mustapha Smaili, Commander of the Land Forces; Major General Zoubir Ghouila, Commander of the Air Force; Major General Hamid Fekkane, Chief of the Operations and Readiness Department of the ANP General Staff; and Mr. Abdelaziz Medjahed, Director General of the National Institute for Global Strategic Studies.

Czech PM commends Algeria's strategic role, calls for new momentum in bilateral ties



The Czech Prime Minister, Andrej Babiš, praised Algeria's strategic role in regional stability and Europe's energy security Monday in Algiers, calling for bilateral relations to be elevated to a higher level through concrete partnership projects.



In a statement following his reception by the President of the Republic, Mr. Abdelmadjid Tebboune, the Czech Prime Minister expressed his satisfaction with the meeting and the discussions, which he described as "frank and constructive."

After praising the long-standing friendly relations between Algeria and his country, which date back to the era of the former Czechoslovakia, Mr. Babiš expressed his country's desire to build on "decades of fruitful cooperation" to forge a new partnership that takes into account new challenges and current opportunities.

During his visit to Algeria, which was marked by the signing of four agreements, Mr. Babiš revealed that he had discussed a number of "concrete projects" with both Prime Minister Sifi Ghrieb and Minister of the Interior and Local Communities Ibrahim Mourad.

The Czech Prime Minister also highlighted existing opportunities for cooperation between the two countries, referring in particular to the production of trams and tractors.

He also took the opportunity to congratulate Algeria on its railway project, which "opens the door to the Sahel countries."

Speaking about relations between Algeria and the European Union, the Czech Prime Minister called for a "more balanced" partnership, highlighting in this context Algeria's crucial role in the security, economic, and humanitarian spheres.

He continued: “It is clear that Algeria plays an important role in curbing illegal migration.”

Mr. Babiš also announced talks to increase the volume of gas Algeria exports to the Czech Republic.

Finally, he noted that cooperation in the fields of defense and aviation offers “significant potential” for both countries.

President Tebboune: “Algiers Declaration” has cemented strategic role of natural gas in global energy security system



President of the Republic Abdelmadjid Tebboune on Tuesday stressed that the “Algiers Declaration,” issued at the 7th Summit of the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF) hosted by Algeria in 2024, has cemented the strategic role of natural gas in the global energy security system.

In a speech addressed to participants at the 8th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the GECF, held in the Russian capital, Moscow, and read by Prime Minister Sifi Ghrieb, the President of the Republic said: "Two years have passed since Algeria had the honour of hosting the 7th Summit, and we recall with pride the Algiers Declaration, which has cemented the strategic role of natural gas in the global energy security system."

He added: “We are pleased to see that the principles of the Algiers Declaration have become a tangible reality. As Algeria hands over the

presidency of the summit to the friendly Russian Federation, it wishes it every success and guidance."

The President of the Republic noted that the Forum had strengthened its capabilities by establishing the Gas Research Institute during the Forum's seventh summit, which is headquartered in Algiers, pointing out that Algeria, "as the host country, spared no effort in providing all the necessary resources to ensure its optimal functioning for the benefit of all members."

Accordingly, the President called on the Forum, through the Gas Research Institute, to "play a more active role in promoting technologies for reducing emissions, carbon capture, utilization, and storage, and improving energy efficiency, while leveraging digitalization and artificial intelligence."

Representing the President of the Republic, the Prime Minister is attending the Russia-Africa Summit and the Economic and Humanitarian Forum in Moscow



Representing the President of the Republic, Mr. Abdelmadjid Tebboune, Prime Minister Sifi Ghrieb is attending the third Russia-Africa Summit and the Economic and Humanitarian Forum, which began Wednesday in Moscow.

Algeria's participation in this international event is part of efforts to strengthen cooperation and partnership between Russia and African countries, and to broaden opportunities for coordination and consultation on economic and development issues of mutual interest.

The plenary session of the Forum, organized under the slogan "Together, Let's Develop Mutually Beneficial Cooperation and the

Potential of All African Countries," is co-chaired by Russian President Vladimir Putin and Burundian President Evariste Ndayishimiye, current chair of the African Union (AU), with the participation of 48 countries—22 of which are represented at the leadership level—as well as officials from regional bodies and organizations and Russian and African business leaders.



The two-day Summit and Forum are dedicated to examining several issues related to the development of the Russian-African partnership, including strengthening trade and investment and expanding cooperation in strategic sectors.

Opportunities for economic cooperation between Russia and African countries will also be explored through panels dedicated to trade, investment, industry, technology transfer, food security, energy, digitalization, healthcare, education, and scientific research.

Cooperation in the field of water security is also a particular focus, as is the exploration of ways to strengthen cooperation in the areas of food and energy security and the digital transition.

According to the program, the Summit will feature the Russia-Africa Media Forum, with the participation of heads of African news agencies and media organizations, to explore opportunities for media cooperation, combat disinformation, and strengthen the presence of African media on the international stage, while discussing the challenges posed by the digital transition to the information sector.

The "Sustainable Development Platform" exhibition, which showcases cutting-edge Russian solutions in several vital economic sectors, is also scheduled to take place as part of the event.

The second day of the Summit, themed “For Peace, Security, and Development,” will feature two plenary sessions, culminating in a Final Declaration, a Declaration on Cooperation in the Field of Artificial Intelligence, the Russia-Africa Action Plan 2027–2029, and the signing of several economic agreements.

GECF Summit: Attaf meets Russian counterpart in Moscow

Minister of State, Minister of Foreign Affairs, National Community Abroad and African Affairs, Ahmed Attaf, met Tuesday in Moscow with his Russian counterpart, Sergey Lavrov, on the sidelines of the 8th Summit of the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF).



The meeting allowed the two sides to discuss the current state of bilateral relations between the two countries and how to advance them in all areas, in the context of preparations for upcoming bilateral events.

The two ministers also reviewed the current state of international relations and international and regional issues of mutual interest and reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening their partnership and continuing dialogue and coordination in various international forums.

World Investment Forum

Mr. Rekkache Presents Algeria's Investment Reforms in Doha



The Director General of the Algerian Investment Promotion Agency (AAPI), Omar Rekkache, presented Algeria’s experience in reforming its investment system on Tuesday in Doha, Qatar, through the modernization of the legal framework, the digitization of services, the simplification of administrative procedures, and the facilitation of access to economic land.

Speaking at a high-level roundtable titled “Supporting a New Era of Investment: The Role of Investment Promotion Agencies and Special Economic Zones,” held as part of the 2026 World Investment Forum (October 25–27), in the presence of Algeria’s ambassador to the State of Qatar, Salah Attia, Mr. Rekkache explained that the profound changes taking place in global investment present challenges that go beyond simply attracting investors to include the implementation of projects and the establishment of integrated productive ecosystems, highlighting Algeria’s experience in reforming its investment system and developing mechanisms to support projects.

In this vein, he highlighted the complementary roles of Algeria’s investment agencies: the AAPI is responsible for promoting Algeria as an investment destination, identifying investors, and developing partnerships, while the National One-Stop Shop for Investment handles procedures and decisions related to projects.

Regarding special economic zones (SEZs), Mr. Rekkache emphasized the importance of developing them as integrated productive ecosystems based on infrastructure, energy, logistics services, and human

capital, while maintaining links to local suppliers, value chains, and international markets.

The success of these zones, he noted, is not limited to attracting investment but extends to strengthening ties with the national economy, developing local subcontracting, technology transfer, increasing exports, and diversifying production.

Mr. Rekkache also emphasized the need to review the criteria for evaluating the performance of investment promotion agencies, noting that the number of registered projects and the volume of announced investments, while important, are not sufficient on their own to measure actual results, which must include projects that have entered the production phase, the value added created, the jobs generated, technology transfer, and export growth.

This roundtable was co-organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA), the Global Alliance of Special Economic Zones (GASEZ), and the Qatar Investment Promotion Agency (Invest Qatar), with the aim of sharing expertise to strengthen the capacity of investment promotion agencies and special economic zones (SEZs) to attract investment and maintain their competitiveness in the face of changes in the global investment landscape.

The meeting also addressed opportunities for attracting foreign direct investment (FDI) related to artificial intelligence, as well as ways to leverage this technology to optimize the performance of investment promotion agencies and SEZs and improve the services offered to investors.

The inaugural Algiers-Shanghai flight: a new bridge fostering economic exchanges between Algeria and China



The arrival on Tuesday morning of Air Algérie's inaugural flight connecting Algiers directly to Shanghai marks a new milestone in strengthening air links between Algeria and China and serves as a new bridge for the ever-evolving economic and trade relations between the two countries.

With a flight time of approximately 14 hours, this new direct route has been warmly welcomed by Algerian and Chinese business leaders, who see it as a significant time saver and a way to facilitate their business travel between the two countries.

A 308-seat Airbus A330-900neo operated this first flight, with some 175 passengers on board. "A very good start," according to the crew members.

In Shanghai—a major economic hub and an important industrial and commercial center—many Algerian travellers encountered on this inaugural flight were traveling for business purposes.

For these business travellers, the launch of this direct route meets a concrete need: to reduce travel time and simplify business trips.

"This flight saves us precious time," several travellers noted, pointing out that their trips to China previously required one or more layovers, which could add between four and eight hours to their travel time.

The launch of this route comes at a time of constantly evolving economic and trade relations between Algeria and China. Trade between the two countries spans numerous sectors, including industrial equipment, raw materials, manufactured goods, infrastructure, and production-related activities.

For Algerian companies, access to the Chinese market serves as a catalyst for sourcing and growth, while the increase in air service helps bring business communities closer together and facilitates direct contact between different operators.

The new route thus strengthens the air service network between the two countries, as Air Algérie already operates direct flights to Beijing and Guangzhou, two key destinations for trade and business travel.