

TODAY'S MEDIA TRENDS

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ALGERIA'S STRATEGIC CONVERGENCE: REGIONAL LEADERSHIP, RESILIENCE, & THE 'NEW ALGERIA'

A Comprehensive Report on Governance, Energy, Security, and Social Stability – February 2026



STRATEGIC FORESIGHT & IMPLICATIONS



SHORT-TERM (1-4 WEEKS): Ramadan Market Stability & Security Implementation

Intensive inspections by trade agents, potential arrests of 'speculators'.
Immediate implementation of new security protocols with France.

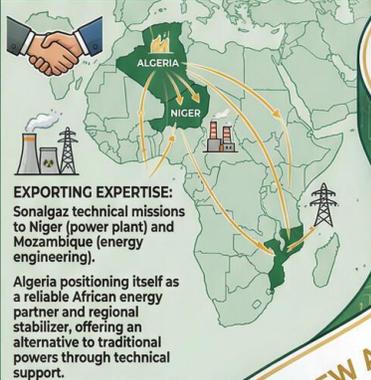
MEDIUM-TERM (1-6 MONTHS): Eid al-Adha Logistics & Automotive Integration

Successful distribution of 1 million sheep is a major governance test.
Increased pressure on foreign car manufacturers to meet local integration rates.

LONG-TERM (1-5 YEARS): Regional Influence & Economic Formalization

Solidified energy alliances in Sub-Saharan Africa.
Significant expansion of the state's tax base through continued enforcement of real estate pre-emption and formalization of the informal sector.

REGIONAL ENERGY LEADERSHIP & 'SOUTH-SOUTH' COOPERATION



EXPORTING EXPERTISE:
Sonalgaz technical missions to Niger (power plant) and Mozambique (energy engineering).

Algeria positioning itself as a reliable African energy partner and regional stabilizer, offering an alternative to traditional powers through technical support.

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY & GEOPOLITICS



BALANCING ACT:

Deepening security and judicial cooperation with FRANCE (visit of Interior Minister Laurent Nuñez) on migration, intelligence sharing, and counter-terrorism.

Concurrently maintains a critical stance toward MOROCCO, highlighting social unrest and drug trafficking at the border.

Relations with Tunisia remain "solid and fraternal".

THE "NEW ALGERIA" TRAJECTORY

NATIONAL FOUNDATIONS & IDENTITY

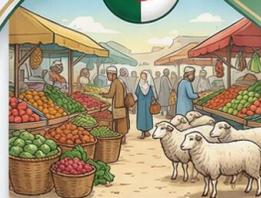


NATIONAL MARTYRS DAY (Feb 18, 2026): President Tebboune reinforces the "New Algeria" narrative, linking modern projects to martyrs' sacrifices. Ceremonies and diaspora engagement emphasize historical legitimacy and national unity.



HISTORICAL ACCOUNTABILITY: Persistent calls for France to provide archives and address long-term effects of 1960s nuclear tests in the Sahara.

DOMESTIC STABILITY & FOOD SECURITY (RAMADAN PREP)



RAMADAN VIGILANCE: Aggressive government intervention to mitigate inflation and ensure supply.

Import of 1 MILLION SHEEP for Eid al-Adha

Establishment of "Proximity Markets" to bypass intermediaries.

Deployment of a "Monitoring System" digital platform to track wide-consumption goods and control prices. State acting as a social safety valve.



ECONOMIC STATECRAFT & FISCAL DISCIPLINE



2026 FINANCE LAW & INDUSTRIAL POLICY: Focus on fiscal discipline and industrial protectionism.

"National Integration Referential" dictates local-content rates for the automotive industry to build a sustainable local base.

"Article 79" (Real Estate Pre-emption) empowers the state to seize undeclared properties, fighting tax evasion and formalizing the economy.

Digitalization of tax and real estate registries.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STAKEHOLDERS:



INTERNATIONAL POLICY: Monitor security alignment and energy geopolitics.



PRIVATE SECTOR: Deep due diligence on real estate values, prioritize local supply chains, and formalize e-commerce operations.

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DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

February 18, 2026, marks a critical convergence of ideological, economic, and security priorities for the Algerian state. The day is centered on the dual themes of **National Martyrs Day** and the imminent arrival of the **month of Ramadan** (set to begin February 19). President Abdelmadjid Tebboune leveraged the national holiday to reinforce the "New Algeria" narrative, framing current developmental projects as the fulfillment of the martyrs' sacrifices. Simultaneously, the state media apparatus is heavily focused on domestic stability, showcasing aggressive government intervention in food supply chains—notably the import of one million sheep and the establishment of proximity markets—to mitigate inflation and prevent social unrest during the high-consumption holiday period ([Source](#), [Source](#)).

On the international front, Algeria is balancing complex relationships. The visit of French

Interior Minister Laurent Nuñez indicates a deepening of high-level security and judicial cooperation, specifically targeting intelligence sharing and migration management, even as the state continues to highlight historical grievances regarding French nuclear testing in the Sahara. Regionally, Algeria is aggressively exporting its technical expertise in the energy sector to Niger and Mozambique, signaling a strategy of "South-South" cooperation designed to establish Algeria as a reliable African energy partner. Conversely, state media maintains a sharply critical stance toward Morocco, highlighting social collapse and forced displacements there to contrast with Algeria's internal stability efforts ([Source](#), [Source](#)).

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

- **National Martyrs Day and Presidential Rhetoric:** President Tebboune addressed the nation, linking historical legitimacy to the "New Algeria" project. Ceremonies included the re-interment of 12 martyrs' remains in Oran and high-level video conferences with the Algerian diaspora ([Source](#), [Source](#)).
- **Ramadan Food Security Interventions:** The government has deployed a "monitoring system" via a digital platform to track wide-consumption goods. Specific measures include importing one million sheep for Eid al-Adha and opening "proximity markets" (Safex) to bypass intermediaries and control prices of meat and staples ([Source](#), [Source](#)).

- **Security Cooperation with France:** French Interior Minister Laurent Nuñez met with President Tebboune and his Algerian counterpart to re-launch high-level cooperation in judicial, police, and intelligence matters, with a focus on migration and "readmission" ([Source](#)).
- **Energy Sector Expansion (Sonalgaz):** Sonalgaz is sending technical experts to Niger to begin work on a power plant in Niamey and to Mozambique to share expertise in electricity production and energy engineering ([Source](#), [Source](#)).
- **Border Security and Narcotics Seizures:** The People's National Army (PNA) reported the arrest of 43 drug traffickers and the seizure of over four quintals of kif treated (cannabis) coming from the Moroccan border, alongside significant quantities of cocaine and psychotropic pills ([Source](#), [Source](#)).
- **Administrative Decentralization:** The Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Foreign Affairs inaugurated regional annexes in Ouargla, Constantine, and Oran for the authentication of documents for use abroad, aimed at reducing the administrative burden on citizens in distant provinces ([Source](#), [Source](#)).
- **Historical Accountability for Sahara Nuclear Tests:** Extensive reporting highlighted the ongoing health and environmental impacts of the 1960 French nuclear tests in Reggane, emphasizing the lack of archives provided by France and the long-term toxicity of plutonium ([Source](#)).

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

- **Geopolitics:** Algeria is positioning itself as a regional stabilizer and energy hub. The focus on Niger and Mozambique demonstrates an intent to counter-balance other regional powers through infrastructure support. Relations with Tunisia remain "solid and fraternal," evidenced by a high-level exchange between Tebboune and Kais Saied ([Source](#), [Source](#)).
- **Domestic Stability & Social Order:** The state is hyper-vigilant regarding Ramadan price shocks. The "vigilance system" for market supply is a direct response to potential civil dissatisfaction over the purchasing power of modest-income families. The army is also conducting "Solidarity 2026" exercises involving air-dropped humanitarian aid ([Source](#), [Source](#)).
- **Economic Statecraft:** The government is implementing a "National Integration Referential" for the automotive industry, mandating specific local-content rates for manufacturers to qualify for tax benefits. This is aimed at building a sustainable local manufacturing base and reducing the import bill ([Source](#), [Source](#)).
- **State Capacity & Digitalization:** The launch of digital platforms for supply chain monitoring and the computerization of the tax and real estate registry (to enforce pre-emption rights) shows a shift toward technology-driven governance ([Source](#), [Source](#)).
- **Corruption & Governance:** New real estate laws are designed to "unmask fraudsters" who under-declare property values to evade taxes. In the e-commerce sector, the state is pushing for a transition from social media sales to regulated "marketplaces" with verified identities (KYC) to prevent rampant online scams ([Source](#), [Source](#)).

- **Military Readiness:** Beyond border security, the PNA is focusing on specialized training, including maritime medicine (hyperbaric oxygen therapy) and large-scale industrial accident medical simulations in petro-chemical zones ([Source](#)).

LEGISLATION/POLICY

Current legislative focus is on fiscal discipline and industrial protectionism. The 2026 Finance Law introduces significant changes to the state's role in the property market, while industrial policies aim to force local manufacturing through "integration rates."

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **Article 79 of the 2026 Finance Law (Real Estate Pre-emption):** Grants the state the right to seize properties where the buyer and seller have under-declared the transaction price to avoid taxes. The state "re-purchases" the property at the declared price, effectively penalizing the fraudsters. This became applicable January 1, 2026 ([Source](#)).
- **National Integration Referential for Automotive Industry:** A new policy document for calculating the local integration rate for cars, buses, and motorcycles. It dictates the tax advantages available to manufacturers based on their use of local subcontractors ([Source](#), [Source](#)).
- **Youth National Plan 2025-2029:** An integrated framework for coordinating public programs and policies specifically for the youth demographic ([Source](#)).
- **Laws 25-05 and 24-04 (General Mobilization and Disaster Management):** New legal frameworks outlining the roles and responsibilities of state actors during national emergencies or disasters ([Source](#)).

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **Government Meeting on Road Infrastructure:** Chaired by the Prime Minister, focusing on the 60% completion rate of the Cheraga tunnel and capital-wide traffic fluidification ([Source](#)).
- **Inter-ministerial Meeting on National Supply:** Led by the Minister of Trade, evaluating deficiencies in the national market and the operational status of the new digital supply-tracking platform ([Source](#)).

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The "New Algeria" vs. The "Colonial Ghost"

A recurring theme is the juxtaposition of modern governance with historical grievances. While Algeria hosts the French Interior Minister to discuss high-tech security cooperation, it simultaneously broadcasts graphic testimonials of the 1960 French nuclear tests. This suggests a dual-track policy: pragmatic engagement with France on current threats (migration/terrorism) while maintaining historical friction to fuel national identity and state legitimacy ([Source](#), [Source](#)).

State Interventionism as a Social Safety Valve

The government's role in the economy is increasingly direct. The decision to import one million sheep and establish state-run markets indicates a lack of trust in private intermediaries. The state is essentially taking over the "grossiste" (wholesaler) role to prevent the "spoliation" of citizens' purchasing power during Ramadan. This reflects an economic philosophy where state capacity is measured by

its ability to physically provide goods rather than just regulate markets ([Source](#), [Source](#)).

Digitalization as a Tool for Tax Enforcement

The move toward "Personne Morale" (legal entity) status for wholesalers and the use of digital "barèmes" (price schedules) for real estate shows that the state is using digitalization to shrink the informal economy. The real estate pre-emption law is a radical tool—using the state's power to buy property to force honest tax declarations. This is a significant escalation in the fight against capital flight and tax evasion ([Source](#)).

The Narrative War with Morocco

Reports on Moroccan social distress—evictions, neglect of the disabled, and corruption—are positioned immediately following reports of Algerian "victories" (like the 10th place global ranking for its Civil Protection). This highlights a state media strategy of regional comparison, using the perceived instability of its neighbor to justify the heavy-handed security and supply-chain management within Algeria ([Source](#), [Source](#)).

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks):

- **Ramadan Market Stability:** Expect intensive inspections by the 7,000 mobilized trade agents. Any disruption in staple goods (meat, oil, bread) will likely result in swift, publicized arrests of "speculators" to maintain social calm ([Source](#), [Source](#)).
- **Security Implementation:** Following Minister Nuñez's visit, expect immediate "breaif delays" in implementing new migration and intelligence-sharing protocols with France ([Source](#)).

Medium Term (1-6 Months):

- **Eid al-Adha Supply:** The arrival and distribution of the 1 million sheep will be a major logistical test for the Ministry of Agriculture. Success will be framed as a major governance win; failure will lead to significant social friction ([Source](#)).
- **Automotive Integration:** Foreign car manufacturers in Algeria will face increased pressure to declare and prove integration rates as the new "National Integration Referential" takes hold ([Source](#)).

Long Term (1-5 Years):

- **Regional Infrastructure Influence:** Algeria's technical missions to Niger and Mozambique could lead to long-term energy dependencies and solidified "South-South" alliances, potentially edging out European or Chinese competition in specific power-generation niches ([Source](#), [Source](#)).
- **Formalization of the Economy:** Continued enforcement of real estate pre-emption and the shift of wholesalers to "personne morale" status could significantly increase the state's tax base and reduce the dominance of the informal sector ([Source](#)).

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For International Policy:

- **Security Alignment:** The re-enclenchment of cooperation with France on migration and intelligence signifies a shift toward more pragmatic security alliances. International partners should monitor the "readmission" protocols as a template for Mediterranean migration management ([Source](#)).

- **Energy Geopolitics:** Algeria is weaponizing its technical expertise (Sonalgaz) to build political capital in Sub-Saharan Africa. Diplomatic interests should note Algeria's role as an alternative to "traditional" development partners in the energy sector ([Source](#)).
- **Narcotics Focus:** The persistent seizures at the Moroccan border suggest that border tension will remain high. Security policy must account for the fact that Algeria views the Moroccan border primarily through the lens of organized crime and "narco-trafficking" ([Source](#)).

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Compliance Risk:** The 2026 real estate pre-emption law makes accurate price declaration mandatory. Investors must conduct deep due diligence on property values using the state's digital "barème" to avoid asset seizure ([Source](#)).
- **Supply Chain Localism:** The "National Integration Referential" for vehicles indicates a hardening of local-content requirements. Investors in the manufacturing sector must prioritize developing a local subcontractor network to remain eligible for fiscal incentives ([Source](#), [Source](#)).
- **E-commerce Regulation:** The push for "marketplace" platforms with matricule fiscal and verified identities indicates a coming regulatory crackdown on informal social media sales. E-commerce ventures should prioritize formalization and KYC standards to stay ahead of the curve ([Source](#)).

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