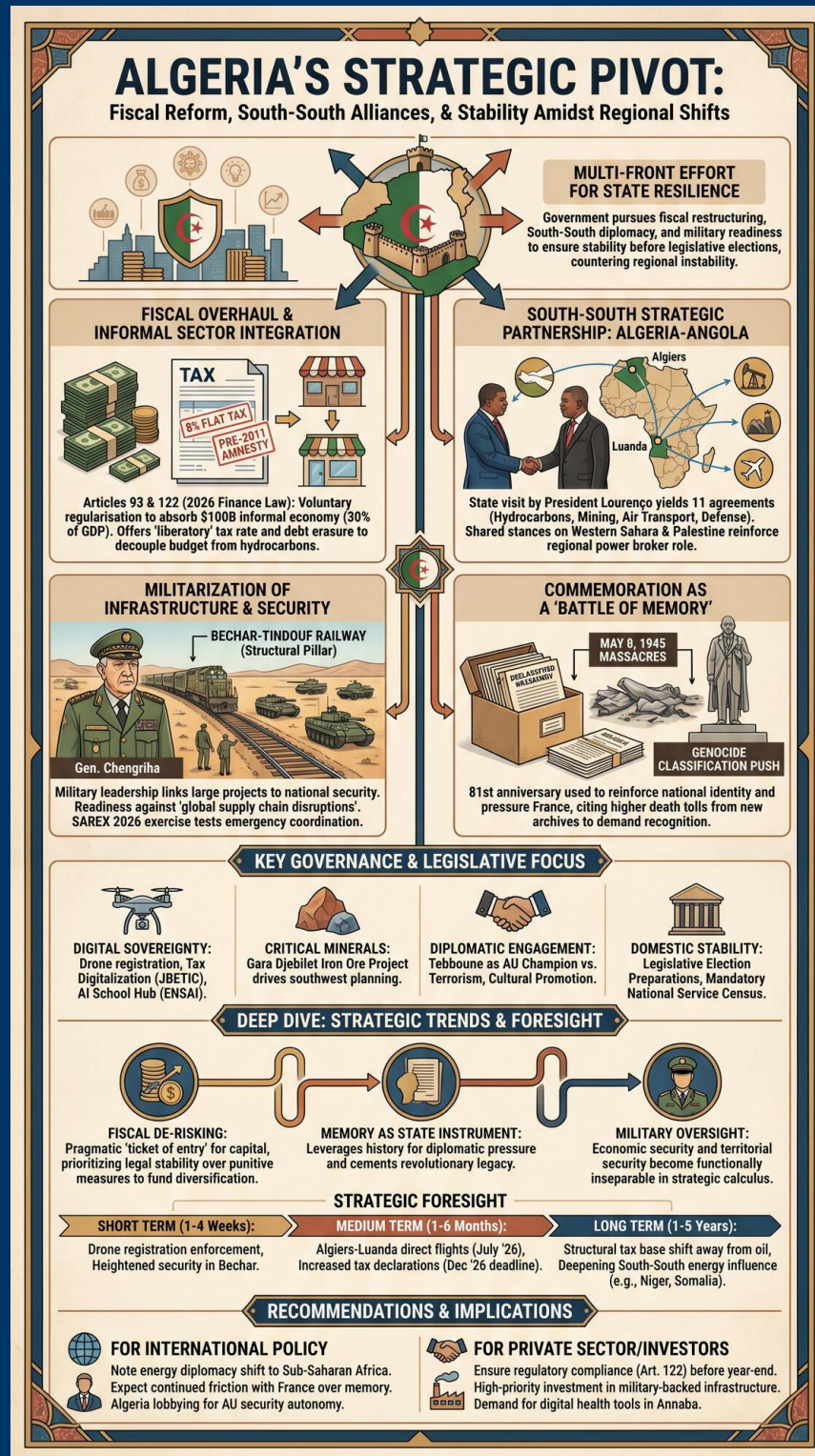


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ALGERIA AGGRESSIVELY PURSUES FISCAL REFORM AND SOUTH-SOUTH STRATEGIC ALLIANCES AMID REGIONAL INSTABILITY AND UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS.

DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

The Algerian government on May 12, 2026, signaled a multi-front effort to bolster state resilience through significant fiscal restructuring, strategic diplomatic pivots toward Sub-Saharan Africa, and a highly synchronized emphasis on national memory and military readiness. The central governance development is the rollout of Articles 93 and 122 of the 2026 Finance Law, which establish a voluntary fiscal regularisation mechanism and a comprehensive tax debt amnesty. This policy is explicitly designed to absorb an informal economy estimated at 30% of GDP, worth approximately \$100 billion, into the formal sector. By offering a "liberatory" 8% flat tax and erasing pre-2011 debts, the administration aims to widen the tax base and decouple the national budget from its historic dependency on hydrocarbon revenues.

On the diplomatic front, the state visit of Angolan President João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço marks a deepening of South-South cooperation, resulting in eleven bilateral agreements spanning hydrocarbons, mining, air transport, and defense. This alliance is underpinned by shared stances on Western Sahara and Palestine, positioning Algeria as a regional power broker. Simultaneously, the military leadership, through General Saïd Chengriha, has intensified rhetoric regarding the "internal front," linking large-scale infrastructure projects like the Bechar-Tindouf railway to national security. These narratives converge as the country prepares for legislative elections, with President Tebboune presiding over final preparations to ensure domestic stability amid what the military characterizes as "acute geopolitical instability."

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Fiscal Overhaul and Informal Sector Integration

- The Directorate General of Taxes (DGI) launched a national communication campaign to promote [fiscal regularisation](#) under Article 93, targeting the integration of informal capital through a preferential 8% tax rate.
- Article 122 provides an [amnesty for tax debts](#) dating before 2011 and offers a 30% reduction on newer debts if 70% is paid by year-end 2026.
- Economists estimate the informal sector at [100 billion dollars](#), representing a critical reservoir for state financial resilience as the country shifts toward a post-hydrocarbon economy.

Algeria-Angola Strategic Partnership

- President Tebboune and Angolan President [João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço](#) co-presided over the signing of 11 agreements, including the establishment of a direct Algiers-Luanda flight starting July 2026.
- The partnership emphasizes cooperation in [hydrocarbons and mining](#), utilizing Sonatrach's expertise to assist Angola's energy sector.
- Both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to Western Sahara's right to self-determination and coordinated counter-terrorism efforts in Africa [against organized crime](#).

Militarization of Infrastructure and Internal Security

- Army General Saïd Chengriha visited the 3rd Military Region in Bechar, emphasizing that [military readiness](#) is the "cornerstone" of national resilience against global supply chain disruptions and inflation.
- The military has explicitly linked the [Bechar-Tindouf railway](#) project to structural state stability and national defense.
- The command for territorial air defense conducted the [Sarex 2026](#) search and rescue exercise in Annaba to test inter-ministerial coordination in emergency scenarios.

Commemoration of the May 8, 1945 Massacres

- The 81st anniversary of the massacres in Sétif, Guelma, and Kherrata was utilized to advance a "Battle of Memory," with calls to classify the events as [genocide](#) under international law.

- Historians highlighted the recent [declassification of archives](#) from the US and UK, which reportedly list significantly higher death tolls than French records.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Technology Policy & Digital Sovereignty

- New regulations require the registration of all [unmanned aircraft systems](#) (drones) to ensure national security and property protection.
- The DGI is accelerating the [digitalization of tax](#) procedures (JBETIC system) to increase transparency and reduce corruption opportunities.
- The National Higher School of Artificial Intelligence (ENSAI) was showcased as a hub for [innovative start-ups](#) during the Angolan state visit.

Economic Security & Financial Resilience

- The government is leveraging the 2026 Finance Law to provide a "hand extended" to operators in the informal sphere, promising [legal security](#) for those who declare previously hidden assets.
- Total tax debt in the country is estimated at [6,000 billion dinars](#), necessitating the aggressive cleanup provided by Article 122.

Energy & Critical Minerals

- Strategic interest in the [Gara Djebilet](#) iron ore project remains a primary driver for military and economic planning in the southwest.
- Sonatrach continues to project influence through [South-South cooperation](#), training Angolan engineers and assisting in exploration and refining.

Diplomatic Engagement & Bloc Politics

- Algeria is reinforcing its role in the [African Union](#) (AU), with Tebboune designated as the AU "champion" for the fight against terrorism and extremism.
- The state is positioning itself as an [alternative cultural destination](#) through events like the Mediterranean Electronic Music Conference, seeking to improve its international image.

Domestic Stability & Social Order

- President Tebboune held high-level meetings to review [preparations for legislative elections](#), focusing on both domestic voting and the diaspora.
- The national service census for the [2009 age cohort](#) (19-year-olds) was highlighted, stressing the mandatory nature of service for all male citizens.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Governance activity was dominated by the rollout of the 2026 Finance Law and the final coordination of the upcoming legislative elections. Officials emphasized the simplified, secure, and voluntary nature of the new fiscal regularisation regimes to build trust between the administration and the business community.

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **Article 93 of the 2026 Finance Law:** Establishes a [voluntary tax compliance](#) scheme with a one-time 8% tax on undeclared income to facilitate entry into the formal economy.

- **Article 122 of the 2026 Finance Law:** Mandates an [amnesty and restructuring](#) for major tax debts, including total cancellation of pre-2011 penalties.
- **Drone Registration Decree:** Article 28 of the August 11, 2025 decree, setting a [registration deadline](#) of April 30, 2026 for all drone owners.

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **DGI Open House Week:** A nationwide [outreach program](#) (May 10-14, 2026) to explain fiscal incentives to taxpayers in all wilayas.
- **Presidential Working Meeting:** A session focused on the [legislative election readiness](#) involving the head of state and key electoral officials.
- **Angolan State Visit Ceremonies:** Formal signing ceremonies and [joint press conferences](#) outlining 11 strategic cooperation agreements.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Financial De-risking Strategy

The state's preoccupation with the "informal sphere" has evolved from a regulatory hurdle to a national security priority. By categorizing undeclared capital as a lost resource that exacerbates "fiscal pressure" on the compliant few, the government is using Articles 93 and 122 as a pragmatic "ticket of entry" for capital. This shift reflects a recognition that previous punitive measures failed; the 2026 approach prioritizes [legal stability](#) over penalties. The goal is to capture a significant portion of the [8,000 billion dinars](#) in fiduciary circulation to fund the state's transition

toward industrial and agricultural diversification.

Memory as a State Instrument

The intensive coverage of the 81st anniversary of the 1945 massacres serves a dual purpose: reinforcing national identity and exerting diplomatic pressure on France. The move to characterize the massacres as [genocide](#) is a strategic escalation in the "Battle of Memory." By highlighting declassified [US and UK archives](#), Algeria is attempting to bypass French historiography, leveraging international law to demand "restitution" and recognition of colonial crimes, thereby cementing the current administration's role as the protector of the revolutionary legacy.

Military Oversight of National Infrastructure

The discourse from General Chengriha in Bechar suggests the military is increasingly acting as the guarantor of the nation's economic development projects. By describing the [Bechar-Tindouf railway](#) as a "structural pillar" for resilience against "geopolitical turmoil," the ANP is effectively placing major critical infrastructure under its security umbrella. This signals to both domestic and foreign actors that economic security and territorial security are now functionally inseparable in the Algerian strategic calculus.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks)

- Intensified enforcement of [drone registration](#) following the April 30 deadline, potentially leading to confiscations or legal penalties for non-compliant hobbyists and commercial operators.

- Heightened security posture in the 3rd Military Region (Bechar) following Chengriha's visit, particularly near [border security](#) zones, to preempt threats before the elections.

Medium Term (1-6 Months)

- The launch of direct [Algiers-Luanda flights](#) in July 2026 will likely be followed by increased trade delegations and potential joint-venture announcements in the oil and gas services sector.
- A significant influx of tax declarations as the [December 31 deadline](#) for Article 93 and 122 regularisation approaches, potentially leading to a year-end revenue windfall for the Treasury.

Long Term (1-5 Years)

- A structural shift in the Algerian tax base if the 8% [voluntary regularisation](#) successfully migrates the bulk of the \$100 billion informal economy into the banking system, reducing reliance on oil price fluctuations.
- Deepening of the "South-South" axis, with Algeria potentially using the Angola model to expand [Sonatrach's presence](#) in other energy-rich African nations (e.g., Niger, Somalia), challenging traditional European energy influence on the continent.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For International Policy:

- Diplomatic entities should note the shift in Algerian energy diplomacy toward Sub-Saharan Africa. Partnerships like those with [Angola and Somalia](#) suggest Algeria is positioning itself as a technical and regulatory lead for the continent's hydrocarbons sector.
- The "Battle of Memory" escalation regarding [French colonial history](#) will likely remain a friction point, impacting bilateral trade or security cooperation with France depending on the outcome of archive negotiations.
- Expect Algeria to use its role as the AU [counter-terrorism champion](#) to lobby for more autonomy in regional security architectures, moving away from Western-led initiatives.

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Regulatory Compliance:** Investors and local subsidiaries must ensure all [undeclared liabilities](#) are reconciled via Article 122 before year-end to avoid being excluded from the amnesty and facing heavier penalties in 2027.
- **Opportunity in Infrastructure:** The military-guaranteed [mining and railway projects](#) in the southwest represent high-priority investment zones with enhanced security and state backing.
- **Healthcare Market:** The alarming rise in [diabetes prevalence \(17%\)](#) and the shift toward "precision medicine" in Annaba signal significant demand for digital health tools, AI diagnostics, and metabolic disorder pharmaceuticals.

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