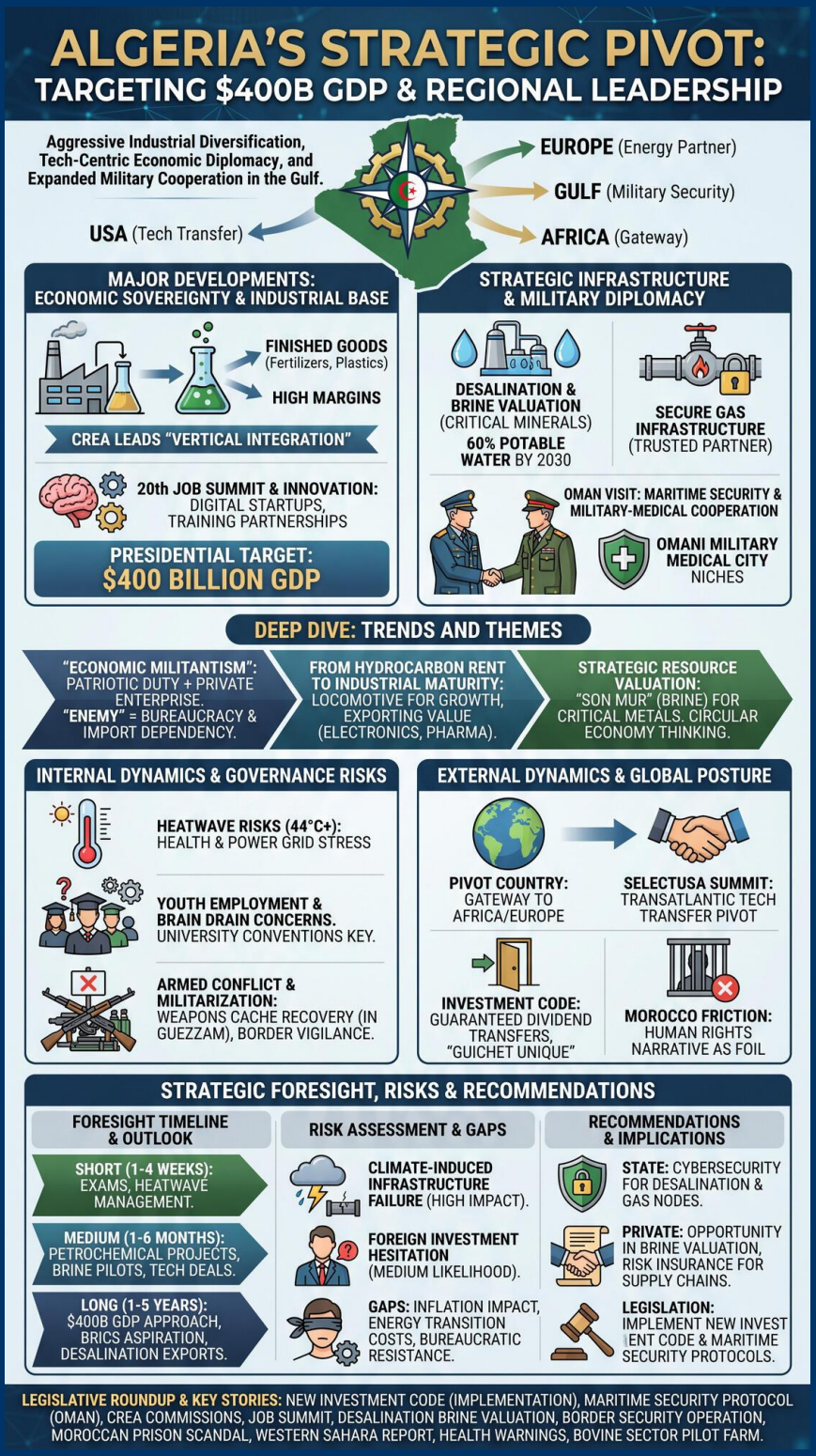
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ALGERIA TARGETS A 400-BILLION-DOLLAR GDP THROUGH AGGRESSIVE INDUSTRIAL DIVERSIFICATION, TECH-CENTRIC ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY, AND EXPANDED MILITARY COOPERATION IN THE GULF.

DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

The Algerian state media broadcast for June 2, 2026, portrays a nation in the midst of a radical structural transformation, shifting from a passive hydrocarbon exporter to an assertive, diversified industrial power. Central to this narrative is the Council for Economic Renewal (CREA), which characterizes its mission as "economic militantism." The government is leveraging a new legal framework and a "guichet unique" (one-stop shop) for investment to attract international capital, specifically targeting U.S. technology transfers following a high-profile mission to the SelectUSA Summit. This economic pivot is aimed at a target GDP of 400 billion dollars, fueled by a strategic move into high-value petrochemicals like polypropylene and polyethylene, rather than mere crude exports.

Simultaneously, Algeria is projecting stability through military diplomacy, evidenced by the high-level visit of Army General Saïd Chingriha to the Sultanate of Oman. This visit emphasizes maritime security and military-medical cooperation, signaling Algeria's intent to be a "pivot country" in regional security architectures. Domestically, the state is grappling with critical infrastructure challenges, specifically water security. Desalination is being framed as a "main mission," with the goal of providing 60% of the nation's drinking water from desalinated sources by 2030. These developments converge to present an Algeria that is seeking to "sell its image" as a stable, competitive, and technologically advancing gateway to Africa and Europe.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Economic Sovereignty and Industrial Diversification

- The CREA is leading a shift toward "vertical integration" to reduce import dependency and promote **import substitution**. 400 billion dollars has been set as the presidential target for national GDP.
- The state is prioritizing the **petrochemical sector** to process raw hydrocarbons into finished goods like fertilizers (urea, nitrate) and plastics, aiming to capture higher margins in global value chains.
- The **20th Job Summit** in Algiers highlighted a "structural transformation" of the economy based on innovation, digital startups, and professional training partnerships with universities.

Strategic Energy and Water Infrastructure

- Desalination is now a cornerstone of national security, with experts meeting in Algiers to optimize the **valuation of brine** (son mur) to extract critical minerals while reducing environmental impact. 60% of potable water is projected to come from desalination by 2030.
- Algeria is positioning itself as a reliable energy partner for the U.S. and Europe, emphasizing its "green" potential and the security of its **gas infrastructure** amidst global geopolitical tensions.

Military Diplomacy and Regional Posture

- General Saïd Chingriha's visit to Oman resulted in agreements on **maritime security** and military cooperation, particularly in combating transnational organized crime and terrorism. Oman maritime security center was a key site of the visit.
- The military-medical sector is emerging as a niche for cooperation, with visits to the **Omani Military Medical City** to study high-tech health service delivery for personnel.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization: The broadcast emphasizes defensive vigilance, reporting the recovery of a significant **cache of weapons** (Kalashnikovs, RPG-7s, anti-aircraft guns) in the 6th military region (In Guezzam) as part of border security operations. Weaponry seizure reflects ongoing efforts to insulate the domestic arena from regional instability.

Diplomacy & Statecraft: Algeria is weaponizing "economic diplomacy" to bridge the information gap with the West. The participation of a 30-company delegation in the **SelectUSA Summit** and networking with U.S. governors (Oklahoma, Delaware) signals a move beyond traditional European partners toward a **transatlantic partnership** based on technology transfer. U.S. governors visit promises are viewed as a breakthrough in "selling" the Algerian destination.

Food & Water Security: The state is heavily subsidizing the "Bovine" sector, showcasing pilot farms in Saïda to improve milk production yields. This is framed as a **food sovereignty** issue, integrated with the 400-billion-dollar GDP goal. Simultaneously, water desalination is described as a "main mission" for the state to combat chronic drought. Bovine pilot farms are seen as vital for agricultural resilience.

Legal Warfare & Regulatory Risk: A significant portion of the broadcast is dedicated to debunking "old images" of Algeria, specifically regarding **dividend transfers** for foreign investors. Officials emphasize that the new Investment Code guarantees the absolute freedom to transfer profits, provided legal procedures are followed, aiming to lower the perceived risk for **Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)**.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Narrative of "Economic Militantism" The term "militantism" is used repeatedly by CREA leaders to describe their approach to business. This signifies a hybridization of patriotic duty and private enterprise, where the success of the private sector is seen as a **nationalist imperative**. The "enemy" in this

context is "bureaucracy" and "import dependency." By framing economic growth in these terms, the state seeks to mobilize the youth and the business elite behind the 400-billion-dollar target. Economic militantism serves as the psychological engine for the new Algerian model.

From Hydrocarbon Rent to Industrial Base There is a clear realization that the "hydrocarbon rent" must be the **locomotive** for, rather than the end-state of, the economy. The push into petrochemicals (polypropylene, polyethylene) and the export of finished products like **electronics and pharmaceuticals** (where Algeria covers 80% of its own needs) represents a trend toward industrial maturity. The goal is to move from exporting "raw" to exporting "value." Industrial maturity is the stated path to escaping the Dutch disease.

Strategic Resource Valuation The focus on "son mur" (brine) from desalination plants illustrates a trend toward **circular economy** thinking and strategic mineral extraction. Instead of viewing brine as waste, the state sees it as a source of "critical metals" for national industry. This aligns with the broader push for "mining sovereignty" and the development of the mining sector as a secondary pillar of the economy. Brine valuation is a key indicator of this new technical sophistication.

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

Domestic stability is portrayed as robust, but the focus on the **Job Summit** and the "resource humaine" reveals an underlying concern regarding youth employment and the alignment of education with the new economy. The state is actively signing conventions between the CREA and universities to prevent a **brain drain** and ensure that the "400 billion dollar" economy has the technical staff it requires. University conventions are the primary tool for this stabilization.

There is an implicit acknowledgement of a "mindset" problem, with calls to change the "mentalité" of Algerians to be more export-oriented and less reliant on imports. This suggests a top-down push for **cultural change** alongside economic reform. Meanwhile, the broadcast uses the "météo" segment to warn of a "canicule" (heatwave) with temperatures reaching 44°C in the south, a recurring environmental stressor that tests the state's **health infrastructure** and power grid. Heatwave warnings emphasize the ongoing climate risk to social order.

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

Algeria is positioning itself as a **"Pivot Country"** (pays pivot) with a strategic position between Africa, Europe, and the U.S. The broadcast frames the world as a "competitive arena" where Algeria must "market itself." The heavy focus on the **SelectUSA Summit** suggests a tactical pivot toward the United States to gain leverage and technology, diversifying away from over-reliance on traditional European markets (Italy, France). U.S. technology transfer is the specific goal of this engagement.

The portrayal of **Morocco** remains a point of friction, with reports on "Moroccan repression" in the Western Sahara and the "inhumane conditions" of **Akasha prison**. This suggests that while Algeria is projecting economic openness to the West, it maintains a defensive and adversarial posture toward its neighbor, framing itself as the "principled"

and "stable" regional leader in contrast to a "chaotic" and "corrupt" Moroccan regime. Moroccan prison conditions are used to reinforce this narrative of moral and institutional superiority.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The economic environment is defined by an ambitious state-led expansion aimed at reaching a **400 billion dollar GDP**. The state is aggressively pursuing a policy of **vertical integration** in industry and agriculture to achieve "autosuffisance" (self-sufficiency) in food and basic goods. Capital flows are being directed toward desalination, petrochemicals, and the digital economy. The "guichet unique" for investment has significantly reduced bureaucracy, according to officials, making the "Algerian destination" more attractive to FDI. Investment bureaucracy reduction is cited as a major win for the private sector.

Key Economic Vectors

- **GDP Target:** 400 billion USD set as the mid-term goal for the national economy.
- **Import Substitution:** Focus on pharmaceutical (80% self-sufficiency), cement, and agro-food sectors.
- **Commodities:** Transition from exporting crude oil/gas to finished **petrochemical products** (urea, polypropylene).
- **Water Infrastructure:** Massive investment in **seawater desalination** to secure 60% of potable water by 2030.
- **Agriculture:** Subsidies for bovine farming and milk production to achieve food sovereignty.
- **Trade Diplomacy:** Seeking a "win-win" partnership with the U.S., specifically focusing on **technology transfer** rather than just equipment purchase.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Leadership dynamics are characterized by the integration of the business elite (CREA) into the state's strategic planning and the continued projection of the military leadership as the guarantor of stability.

- **Kamel Moula (President of CREA):** Emerging as the key intermediary between the Presidency and the private sector. He is the architect of the "economic militantism" narrative and the driver of the U.S.-Algeria economic pivot. Moula's tempo is seen as setting the pace for national investment.
- **General Saïd Chingriha (Chief of Staff of the ANP):** His visit to **Oman** signals his role not just as a military leader, but as a top-tier diplomat representing Algeria’s security interests in the Gulf. Chingriha in Oman reinforces the military’s central role in foreign policy.
- **Samir Yaïsi & Emine Tazi (CREA VPs):** Positioning themselves as the "technical" face of the economic transition, handling the details of international missions and sectoral commissions (Oil & Gas).

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

The editorial tone is one of **cautious optimism and nationalistic pride**. The broadcast follows a hierarchy that prioritizes **Economic Reform** first, followed by **Military Diplomacy**, and finally **Public Health/ Weather**. The CREA interview is the centerpiece, occupying significant airtime to project a message of stability and opportunity to domestic and international audiences. The "buried" or minimized stories include the specific hardships caused by the heatwave in the south, which are framed as

"meteorological data" rather than a potential social crisis. The **Moroccan prison** story is used as a standard foil to contrast Algerian stability with regional failure. Conspicuous omissions include any detailed discussion of current **inflation rates** for basic food items, which are replaced by broader narratives of "approaching self-sufficiency."

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The broadcast portrays the world through a lens of **pragmatic multipolarity**, where Algeria is a stable, ascending power navigating a field of established but often uninformed partners.

COUNTRIES and LEADERS

- **Algeria (President Tebboune / General Chingriha):** Framed as a "Strong and Principled" actor. Quotes emphasize the country as a "pays pivot" and a "reliable partner." The leadership is depicted as having "liberated" the people's potential. Tebboune's vision is the central theme.
- **United States (SelectUSA / Governors):** Portrayed as a "Pragmatic and Business-Oriented" partner. The U.S. is framed as a "first economic power" that Algeria must conquer through "marketing." U.S. pragmatic businessmen are the target audience.
- **Oman (Sultan Haitham / General Al-Nuaimi):** Depicted as a "Brotherly and Strategic" ally in the Gulf, sharing similar security concerns and military-professional standards. Fraternal Omani welcome highlights the depth of the alliance.
- **Morocco (The "Makhzen"):** Framed as "Repressive and Inept." Reports focus on "torture" and "inhumane conditions" in prisons, characterizing the regime as a violator of international law. Moroccan torture allegations serve as the primary framing device.

NON-STATE & CORPORATE ACTORS

- **CREA (Council for Economic Renewal):** Depicted as a "Militant and Patriotic" organization. It is framed as the "partner of choice" for the government. CREA as partner is the new institutional norm.
- **AmCham / Citibank:** Portrayed as "Expert Witnesses" to Algeria's economic health, used to validate the state's claims about profit transfer and stability. Citibank testimony on dividends is a key piece of information warfare.

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

The state media is engaged in an active **image correction campaign**. The primary "meta-narrative" is that the "old image" of Algeria (bureaucratic, closed, risky) is obsolete. To support this, the broadcast uses the **Citibank CIO** as a credible third-party voice to verify that dividend transfers are functioning perfectly. This is a clear attempt to seed a narrative of **regulatory transparency** before international investor forums. Correcting the image is the explicit goal of the CREA's media strategy.

Simultaneously, a **counter-narrative** is directed at Morocco, using human rights reports to delegitimize the "Makhzen" regime. This serves both to rally domestic support and to warn potential foreign partners that the

regional alternative (Morocco) is unstable and legally risky. The broadcast also addresses domestic "fake news" regarding **baccalaureate exam subjects**, urging students to rely only on official sources, which points to a perceived vulnerability in the domestic **information social order** during sensitive periods like national exams. Exam fake news warnings highlight this domestic sensitivity.

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **Industrial Shift:** If the petrochemical pivot succeeds, Algeria will likely reach its 400-billion-dollar GDP target within 5 years, drastically altering the **balance of power** in North Africa. Petrochemical locomotive is the critical variable.
- **Water Crisis Mitigation:** The heavy reliance on desalination will make **desalination technology and energy efficiency** a critical vulnerability and a site of future technological competition. Desalination as main mission implies high capital expenditure.
- **Transatlantic Pivot:** A deepening relationship with the U.S. (SelectUSA follow-ups) may lead to friction with traditional **European partners** who are used to being Algeria's primary interlocutors. U.S. as a door to Africa is the new strategic positioning.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): Focus will be on the successful execution of **national exams** (Baccalaureate) and managing the **heatwave** to prevent social unrest. Watch for potential follow-up announcements from the Oman visit regarding **joint maritime exercises**. Baccalaureate stress management is the immediate priority.

Medium Term (1-6 Months): The first "SelectUSA" tech transfer agreements may be formalized. A major **petrochemical project** announcement is likely, given the repeated focus on "vertical integration." The **desalination brine project** will move from expert meetings to pilot phase. Vertical integration projects are expected in the next quarter.

Long Term (1-5 Years): Structural change in the economy away from raw hydrocarbons. If the 400-billion-dollar goal is approached, Algeria will likely seek **BRICS membership** or a similar high-level global economic status. Possible regional leadership in **desalination technology exports** to other African nations. Target GDP of 400B is the ultimate long-term benchmark.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The primary risks center on the ability of the state to manage the transition from a rentier model to an industrial one without causing short-term social friction.

- **Climate-Induced Infrastructure Failure:** Extreme heatwaves (44°C+) could overwhelm the power grid and desalination plants. **Triggers:** Unprecedented drought combined with equipment failure. **Likelihood:** High (Seasonal). **Impact:** Severe (Social unrest, economic slowdown). **Mitigations:** Redundancy in power generation and rapid expansion of the desalination network. Heatwave stress on the grid is a constant threat.

- **Foreign Investment Hesitation:** Despite the "image correction," investors may remain wary of political stability or legal changes. **Triggers:** Sudden regulatory shifts or regional conflict. **Likelihood:** Medium. **Impact:** High (Failure to meet the 400B GDP goal). **Mitigations:** Codification of the Investment Code and continued high-level economic diplomacy. Image correction necessity shows this risk is being managed.

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

The broadcast fails to address several key vulnerabilities necessary for a full risk assessment.

- **Consumer Price Inflation:** While focusing on "self-sufficiency," the transcripts ignore the current impact of **global inflation** on the Algerian consumer's purchasing power.
- **Energy Transition Costs:** The push for desalination and petrochemicals is highly **energy-intensive**, but there is no discussion on how this will impact domestic gas availability for export.
- **Bureaucratic Resistance:** The state mentions the "guichet unique" as a success, but the level of **middle-management resistance** to these reforms remains a blind spot.
- **Regional Security Costs:** The cost of maintaining the high level of **border security** (as seen in In Guezzam) is not disclosed, leaving the fiscal sustainability of this posture unclear. Weapons recovery costs are never mentioned.

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

The "SelectUSA" mission as a Stalling Tactic: While framed as a move toward a new partnership, the U.S. mission could be a desperate attempt to gain **western technological cover** for an economy that is struggling with aging infrastructure and declining hydrocarbon yields. The 400-billion-dollar goal might be a symbolic "mobilization target" rather than a realistic economic forecast, designed to maintain elite cohesion in the face of structural decay.

Black Swan Event: Desalination Sabotage. Given that 60% of water is projected to come from desalination, a coordinated **cyber or physical attack** on the desalination network would be a "Black Swan" that would lead to immediate, massive civil unrest and a state of emergency, rendering the economic reforms irrelevant overnight. Desalination dependence creates this massive single point of failure.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- Prioritize the **cybersecurity of desalination and gas infrastructure** as these are now existential national security nodes.
- Formalize the **U.S.-Algeria economic dialogue** into a permanent commission to ensure tech transfer goals are met.
- Increase transparency on **internal inflation** to prevent social narratives from diverging too far from state claims.

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Opportunity:** The desalination "brine valuation" project offers a niche for high-tech **mineral extraction companies**.

- **Risk:** Supply chains for the petrochemical sector are vulnerable to regional maritime security, requiring robust **risk insurance**.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** While "guichet unique" is in place, investors should maintain high-level **government relations** to navigate the transition period of the new Investment Code.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The day's events focused on the implementation of the **New Investment Code** and the "guichet unique" for business, along with strategic military-medical cooperation treaties with Oman. Investment Code implementation is the legislative pillar of the day.

- **BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:**
  - **New Investment Code:** Codifies the "guichet unique" and guarantees dividend transfers for foreign investors; strategic intent is to reach $400B GDP.
  - **Maritime Security Protocol:** Part of the Oman-Algeria cooperation, focused on anti-terrorism and transnational crime in the Indian Ocean and Mediterranean.
- **HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:**
  - **CREA National Commission Meeting:** Focused on "Oil & Gas" and "Export Commissions" to coordinate industrial policy.
  - **Job Summit Press Conference:** Highlighting the integration of the "digital startup" model into the national development strategy.

KEY STORIES

- **The CREA and the SelectUSA Summit:** A detailed report on the Algerian economic delegation's mission to the U.S. (May 3-6) to network with governors and seek technology transfers. 30-company delegation participated.
- **The 400 Billion Dollar GDP Target:** A strategic overview of President Tebboune's goal for the national economy and the role of "economic militantism" in achieving it.
- **Petrochemical Industrialization:** A focus on moving away from raw hydrocarbon exports to processing plastics and fertilizers domestically.
- **General Chingriha's Visit to Oman:** A multi-day visit focusing on military cooperation, maritime security, and high-tech military medical facilities. Oman maritime security visit is featured.
- **The 20th Job Summit in Algiers:** An event bringing together startups, universities, and big industry to align the workforce with the new economy.
- **Desalination Brine Valuation:** An expert meeting in Algiers discussing how to extract minerals from brine to make water security more sustainable. Brine as a resource is the theme.
- **Border Security Operation in In Guezzam:** The recovery of a significant cache of anti-aircraft and automatic weapons from the 6th military region.
- **Moroccan Prison Scandal:** Reports on the inhumane conditions and torture at Akasha prison in Casablanca, used to critique the Moroccan regime.

- **Western Sahara Human Rights Report:** A focus on a report by a European lawyers association regarding the repression of Sahrawi activists.
- **Health Warning for Heatwave:** A regional weather report warning of temperatures reaching 44°C and advice for vulnerable populations.
- **Baccalaureate Exam Preparation:** Advice for students on managing stress and avoiding "fake news" regarding exam subjects.
- **Bovine Sector Pilot Farm:** A report on agricultural subsidies helping a farm in Saïda produce 350 liters of milk per day. Saïda bovine farm showcased.
- **Renal Health and Seasonality:** A medical segment featuring Dr. Zohir Messoudi on the risks of dehydration during the summer heat.

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