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ALGERIA PROJECTS STRATEGIC RESURGENCE THROUGH FINANCIAL REFORM, MINERAL SOVEREIGNTY, AND HISTORICAL LEGITIMACY

DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

On June 19, 2026, Algerian state media broadcast a narrative of systemic national renewal, centered on the landmark achievement of being **removed from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) "gray list."** This development is being framed not merely as a technical regulatory success, but as a total validation of President Tebboune's anti-corruption and financial transparency reforms, intended to signal to global markets that Algeria is a secure, emergent economic power reliable commercial partner. The state is leveraging this moment to contrast its perceived stability and international compliance with what it portrays as the **growing social unrest and "makzen" repression** in neighboring Morocco, effectively using the FATF win to claim regional diplomatic and moral superiority.

Domestically, the broadcast highlighted the near-completion (95%) of the primary treatment unit at the **Gara Djebilet iron ore mine**, a cornerstone of Algeria's strategy to diversify away from hydrocarbons. The state is positioning this as a "Green Steel" initiative, emphasizing the use of solar energy and hydrogen-based explosives to create a **decarbonized mineral supply chain** for Europe strategic and imminent. By tying mineral sovereignty to environmental standards, Algeria seeks to bypass future EU carbon border taxes and integrate deeply into the Mediterranean industrial ecosystem.

The day was also heavy with historical symbolism, marking the 70th anniversary of the execution of **Ahmed Zabana**, the first martyr of the revolution to be guillotined. State media expertly wove this revolutionary fervor into modern governance, linking the struggle for independence to current efforts to protect national sovereignty in the African Union and the UN. The emphasis on youth—through diaspora job events in Paris and new professional exchanges in Stockholm—suggests a concerted effort to **re-nationalize the youth bulge**, framing professional success as the modern equivalent of the revolutionary struggle Algerian Professionals Exchange.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

FATF Gray List Removal and Financial Normalization

- Algeria was officially removed from the FATF gray list following a plenary session in Paris, a move the government claims reflects the **modernization of legal and financial institutions** to combat money laundering and terrorism financing financial integrity and transparency.

- The removal is expected to lower the cost of international capital and facilitate foreign direct investment (FDI) by reducing the regulatory risk associated with Algerian entities improving purchasing power.

Industrial Expansion: The Gara Djebilet Milestone

- The primary treatment unit at the Gara Djebilet mine has reached **95% completion**, with technical trials underway for concassage and magnetic separation exceeding 95%.
- The project involves a $15 billion investment in a rail link to transport 2-4 million tons of ore annually in the first phase, eventually scaling to 40-50 million tons 15 billion dollars.
- Strategic focus is on "Green Steel," utilizing hydrogen and solar power to ensure the export products are **carbon-neutral** and competitive in the EU market decarbonized value chain.

Geopolitical Standoff: Western Sahara and Moroccan Unrest

- Algeria reiterated its rigid support for a **referendum on self-determination** in Western Sahara, framing the Moroccan autonomy plan as a violation of international law principled and unshakeable.
- Broadcasts featured reports of **harsh repression by the "makzen"** against protesters in Morocco, contrasting Algerian "stability" with Moroccan "chaos" renewed repression from authorities.

Diplomatic Soft Power: The Emir Abdelkader Chair at Oxford

- The inauguration of the **Emir Abdelkader Chair** at Oxford University was celebrated as a milestone in promoting Algeria's "universal heritage" and intellectual history prestigious academic program.
- This is part of a broader "diplomacy of the diaspora," aimed at mobilizing Algerian talent abroad for domestic development connecting the Algerian diaspora.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Macroeconomics & Trade: The exit from the FATF gray list is the day's dominant economic story. Officials are framing this as the removal of a "stigma" that previously hampered the banking sector and FDI emergence as an economic power. The government is also promoting the "Apostille" system to simplify the authentication of documents for trade and diaspora affairs, signaling a move toward bureaucratic modernization.

Energy & Critical Minerals: Algeria is positioning itself as a key supplier of **decarbonized iron ore**. The Gara Djebilet project is linked to solar power installations (200 MW in Tindouf) and hydrogen energy research, aiming to meet European "green industrial" standards trajectoire verte. This represents a strategic shift from pure extraction to value-added industrial processing.

Diplomacy & Statecraft: Algerian diplomacy is currently focused on the African Union and the UN. The nomination of **Ammar Bendjama** to head the UN Economic and Social Council is portrayed as a win for "continent-level union" and Algerian leadership African ambassadors unanimously

nominated. Concurrently, the state continues to use its platform to attack Morocco's sovereignty claims over Western Sahara.

Armed Conflict & Militarization: The military remains a central pillar of state legitimacy. Graduations at the **Helicopter Specialization School** in Sétif were used to showcase technological "mastery" and the military's role in "preserving peace and security" high level of mastery and professionalism. The military is also highlighted for its role in anti-narcotics operations, seizing 270 kg of cocaine in the 3rd Military Region fighting cross-border organized crime.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

Economic Decarbonization as Diplomatic Leverage Algeria is not just mining iron ore; it is attempting to build a **geopolitical hedge** through "Green Steel." By integrating solar power and green hydrogen into the Gara Djebilet project, Algeria is signaling to the EU that it can be a primary partner in the European Green Deal. This move is designed to make Algerian industry indispensable to the Mediterranean energy transition, thereby securing long-term export markets and diplomatic goodwill competitiveness in the EU market.

The Re-Nationalization of the Diaspora There is a visible trend toward engaging the "new" diaspora—young, tech-savvy Algerians in Europe. Events like the job dating in Paris and the **APex exchange in Stockholm** suggest the state is moving away from purely emotional ties toward professional and skills-based recruitment turning our skills toward Algeria. The goal is to reverse the brain drain and use the diaspora as a vehicle for FDI and technology transfer.

Historical Continuity as a Governance Tool The state continues to rely heavily on revolutionary history to justify current governance. The 70th anniversary of Ahmed Zabana's execution is used to create a direct line from the martyrs of the 1950s to the civil servants and soldiers of 2026 martyr after which the graduating class was named. By sanctifying current policies through revolutionary memory, the state attempts to inoculate itself against dissent.

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

Algerian internal dynamics appear stable, but the broadcast's heavy focus on **youth employment and mineral-driven prosperity** hints at the underlying pressure to provide for a large, young population. The restructuring of the **National Investment Agency (LAPI/AAPI)** to include more private sector and administrative representatives indicates a push to streamline investment and reduce the bureaucratic "lourdeur" that has historically stifled the domestic economy modernization of AAPI.

The state is also using the "threat" of external actors—specifically Morocco and "foreign currents" in the African Union—to maintain domestic cohesion. By portraying Morocco as a state in **imminent social collapse** due to protests and repression, the Algerian government frames its own restrictive measures as necessary for preserving "peace and security" commitment to preserve peace.

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

Algeria is projecting an image of **aggressive multi-alignment**. It maintains deep strategic partnerships with China (for mining infrastructure and solar) while simultaneously pitching itself as a "Green Energy" partner to Germany and the EU Algerian-German partnership. The FATF removal is the linchpin of this posture, as it removes the primary financial barrier to integrating with Western markets.

In the regional arena, Algeria is positioning itself as the **principled defender of African sovereignty**. Its leadership in the UN and its vocal stance in the African Union regarding Western Sahara are designed to isolate Morocco and present Algeria as the continent's moral center. The framing of the international arena is one of "legal warfare," where Algeria uses international law and UN resolutions to combat Moroccan "entitlement" the only legal and legitimate framework.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The economic climate is one of **cautious optimism** driven by massive state-led industrial projects and regulatory breakthroughs. The removal from the FATF list is the most significant indicator, expected to trigger a rise in GDP and a reduction in international transaction costs. However, the reliance on high-cost infrastructure projects like Gara Djebilet requires sustained high commodity prices and political stability.

- **FATF Status:** Removed from "gray list," expected to increase FDI commercial partner.
- **Iron Ore Prices:** Strategic target of $80-$120 for raw ore, but $500-$900 for processed steel value-added production.
- **Infrastructure Investment:** $15 billion allocated for the Tindouf-Béchar rail and industrial link 15 billion dollars.
- **Energy Sector:** Integration of 200 MW solar capacity into mining operations 200 MW solar plant.
- **Youth Employment:** Projecting 15,000 to 20,000 direct jobs from Gara Djebilet 15,000 to 20,000 jobs.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The primary leadership shift involves the restructuring of the **Investment Agency (AAPI/LAPI)** Board of Directors to increase efficiency and sectoral representation. This move is directly tied to the FATF removal, ensuring that the agency responsible for FDI is compliant with international transparency standards.

- **AAPI/LAPI Board:** Restructured to include representatives from more ministries and the private sector to **accelerate project approvals** modernization of the mechanism.
- **Ammar Bendjama:** Nominated to lead the UN Economic and Social Council, signaling a boost in **Algerian diplomatic influence** next president of the UN council.
- **Major General Zubir Ghila:** Presided over military graduations, emphasizing the military's **technological continuity** commander of the Air Forces.

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

The editorial tone was **triumphalist and nationalistic**. The removal from the FATF list was the lead story across all segments, treated as a personal victory for President Tebboune's anti-corruption agenda. Significant airtime was also given to the Gara Djebilet project, using technical progress to reassure the public of a post-oil future. Reports on Morocco were **emotional and accusatory**, using images of unrest to frame the neighbor as a failing state harsh repression by the makzen. Conspicuously omitted was any discussion of the high cost of living or inflation within Algeria, focusing instead on long-term industrial "potential."

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The day's framing follows a strictly nationalist binary: Algeria as the compliant, stable, and principled actor, vs. Morocco as the chaotic, lawless, and repressive actor.

- **Algeria:** Portrayed as a **principled and competent** rising power. "Algeria is a commercial partner... emergent economic power" reliable commercial partner.
- **Morocco:** Framed as a **repressive and unstable foe**. "Anger is spilling into the street of Morocco... renewed repression from the authorities" renewed repression.
- **France:** Characterized as a **historical oppressor** whose legacy (the guillotine) is still commemorated with bitterness, yet also a site of economic competition for diaspora talent crime colonial.
- **China/Germany:** Presented as **indispensable tech partners** in the mineral and energy sectors consortiums chinois.

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

The broadcast exhibits classic **narrative seeding**, particularly regarding Morocco. By highlighting internal Moroccan protests, Algeria is preemptively countering Moroccan diplomatic gains on Western Sahara by questioning the neighbor's domestic legitimacy. Additionally, the **"Green Steel" narrative** is a sophisticated form of economic statecraft intended to pre-emptively lobby the EU to view Algerian minerals as "environmentally friendly" compared to other competitors decarbonized value chain.

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **Increased FDI Flow:** The FATF removal will likely lead to a surge in interest from Western banks and industrial firms, particularly in the mining and renewables sectors, within the next 6 months.
- **Escalating Border Tensions:** The aggressive framing of Moroccan "repression" suggests that Algeria is preparing its domestic audience for a further deterioration in diplomatic relations, or even localized border friction.
- **Green Steel Pivot:** Gara Djebilet will become the primary test case for Algeria's transition to a high-value industrial economy. Failure to meet "green" standards will jeopardize the $15B investment.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): Expect a series of high-level meetings between Algerian officials and European investment banks now that the FATF "gray list" barrier is removed. We may

also see increased "voluntary" job placements for returning diaspora members.

Medium Term (1-6 Months): The first raw ore shipments from Gara Djebilet will likely be used to test the international "Green Steel" marketing strategy. Diplomatic battles at the UN over Western Sahara will intensify as Algeria uses its new seat on the ECOSOC to push its agenda.

Long Term (1-5 Years): If successful, Gara Djebilet could transform the Mediterranean trade balance, making Algeria a critical node in the global mineral supply chain and reducing its dependence on the fluctuating price of oil and gas sovereign economy.

RISK ASSESSMENT

- **Commodity Price Volatility:** The $15B mining project relies on iron ore prices staying above breakeven. **Triggers:** Global recession, drop in Chinese demand. **Likelihood:** Moderate. **Impact:** High (potential for stranded assets). **Mitigations:** Diversifying export partners to Europe and India.
- **Regional Conflict Contagion:** Escalation between Algeria and Morocco over Western Sahara. **Triggers:** Border incidents, Moroccan military exercises near the buffer zone. **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** Catastrophic (war, supply chain disruption). **Mitigations:** UN mediation, increased French/US diplomatic pressure.
- **Social Transition Risk:** Youth frustration if job creation at Gara Djebilet fails to meet expectations. **Triggers:** Delays in rail infrastructure, automation reducing headcounts. **Likelihood:** Moderate. **Impact:** High (civil unrest). **Mitigations:** Small and medium enterprise (SME) development programs linked to the mine.

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- **Inflation and Cost of Living:** The transcripts completely ignore current Algerian domestic economic struggles, focusing exclusively on future projects and international rankings.
- **Environmental Impact of Mining:** While "green" explosives are mentioned, the massive water requirements for mining in a desert region (Tindouf) are not addressed.
- **Moroccan Perspective:** The reports on Moroccan unrest are strictly one-sided and lack independent verification.

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

The FATF Mirage: The removal from the gray list may be a stalling tactic by international bodies to encourage reform that the Algerian bureaucracy will eventually stifle. In this scenario, FDI will fail to materialize, leading to a domestic credit crunch. **Black Swan Event:** A major environmental disaster at Gara Djebilet that renders the "Green Steel" narrative untenable, leading to the collapse of the $15B project and a total loss of investor confidence.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector: Algeria should capitalize on the FATF removal to sign long-term security and economic treaties with the EU, using Gara Djebilet as a bargaining chip for regional stability support.

For Private Sector/Investors: Investors should look for opportunities in the "Green" infrastructure space in Algeria (solar, hydrogen) that will support the mining boom,

while hedging against regional geopolitical risk by using offshore financial centers for capital allocation.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The primary legislative focus was on the restructuring of the Investment Agency and the implementation of the "Apostille" treaty to facilitate international trade. The state also highlighted ongoing child protection initiatives under the OMPPE law for child protection.

- **Investment Agency Decree (AAPI/LAPI):** Adjustments to board composition to increase efficiency and sectoral representation adjustments to the mechanism.
- **Apostille Convention:** Implementation of a national system for authenticating documents for foreign use authenticates a public document for foreign use.

KEY STORIES

- **FATF Removal:** Algeria is officially removed from the FATF gray list, signaling financial reform success emergence as an economic power.
- **Gara Djebilet Progress:** Mining project reaches 95% completion for primary treatment unit in Tindouf approaching 95 percent.
- **Ahmed Zabana Commemoration:** 70th anniversary of the first revolutionary execution by guillotine homage to Ahmed Zabana.
- **UN Diplomatic Win:** Algeria's Ammar Bendjama nominated to head the UN Economic and Social Council nominated to the next president.
- **Moroccan Unrest:** State media reports on repression and protest in Morocco anger spilling into the street of Morocco.
- **Military Graduations:** Helicopter school in Sétif graduates new pilots with "high mastery" graduation ceremony for six classes.
- **Oxford Chair:** Inauguration of the Emir Abdelkader Chair at Oxford University prestigious academic program.
- **Cocaine Seizure:** 270 kg of cocaine seized in the 3rd Military Region seizure of 270 kilograms of cocaine.
- **Diaspora Jobs:** Job dating event in Paris for Algerian talent explore new prospects at the diaspora job dating.
- **Stockholm APex:** Professional exchange event launched in Sweden to connect the diaspora Algerian Professionals Exchange.

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