

## **NATO Military Committee Chairman Admiral Di Paola on a 3-day official visit to Algeria**

Reflecting the increased cooperation between Algeria and NATO, Admiral Giampaolo Di Paola, chairman of NATO's Military Committee, arrived in Algiers on March 12 for a three-day official visit to Algeria.

During his visit, Admiral Di Paola met with the Minister for Foreign Affairs Mourad Medelci and the country's highest military authorities, including the Minister Delegate to the Minister of National Defense Abdelmalek Guenaïzia, the Chief of Staff of the People's National Army, Lieutenant General Ahmed Gaïd Salah.

A statement released by the Ministry of National Defense indicated that talks between the two sides reviewed "issues of mutual interest relating to military cooperation established between Algeria and NATO in the framework of the Mediterranean Dialogue."

In a declaration to the media after his meeting with Minister for Foreign Affairs Mourad Medelci, Admiral Di Paola said that "We share this need to work together because today no one can address alone the challenges facing the world." For his part, Mr. Medelci said that "As a NATO partner, we hold a permanent dialogue with that organization" and underlined that "We always work towards strengthening our relations with other countries, starting with our neighbors, in order to ensure peace, justice, and development for all."