

AU Summit: President Bouteflika leaves for Addis Ababa

[Aps 01/29/10] ALGIERS- President of the Republic Abdelaziz Bouteflika on Friday has left Algiers for Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) to partake in the 14th Ordinary Session of the Summit of Heads of State and Government of the African Union (AU) scheduled from 30th January to 2nd February. The central theme chosen for this session will focus on "Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in Africa: Challenges and Prospects for Development." The session will also address issues of peace and security in Africa, and in particular the situations in Darfur (Sudan) and Somalia, the latest developments in Guinea and Madagascar, as well integration and economic and social development on the continent. President Bouteflika is also scheduled to attend proceedings of the 22nd Summit of NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee and the 12th Summit of the Forum of the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM).

Death of Mr. Larbi Belkheir The Ambassador of Algeria to Morocco, H. E. Larbi Belkheir, passed away on January 28, 2010, after a long illness. He was 72. The departed held numerous positions of high responsibility, including Chief of Staff of the Presidency of the Republic and Minister of Interior.