



THE KINGDOM OF

MOROCCO



COMMEMORATION OF THE 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTRONISATION OF HIS MAJESTY MOHAMMED VI, KING OF MOROCCO

**Celebration of the Throne Day**

The Kingdom of Morocco celebrates, on July 30<sup>th</sup>, the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the accession of His Majesty King Mohammed VI to the Throne, a moment of commemoration of a common history, filled with a strong patriotic charge that reflects the perfect symbiosis between the Throne and the people in their march towards the future.

This day holds a special significance for the people of Morocco as the Throne Day has a strong symbolic meaning for the whole nation.

The celebration of this day is considered as a unique model of sacred bond between the King and the people, reflected in an ongoing process marked by modernity and a high sense of humanity along with strong ties of permanent allegiance and deep cohesion between the people and the Throne.

**Morocco at the forefront of the world in the fight against Covid-19**



As soon as the very first cases of Covid-19 appeared, the Kingdom adopted a series of measures based on a preventive and proactive approach to contain the outbreak, thanks to the clear and smart vision of His Majesty King Mohammed VI. Morocco's plan to combat the new coronavirus pandemic is multidimensional and includes diverse and far-reaching measures to curb the spread of the virus and counter its economic and social impact. The country closed its maritime borders, suspended all flights from and to Morocco until further notice, and decreed a sanitary emergency state since March 20<sup>th</sup>.

To contain the pandemic, the Kingdom has closed all schools and universities, as well as worship places and usual gathering venues. Public, private and military hospitals continue to welcome their patients in the best possible conditions, thanks to an exemplary mobilization of Moroccan civil and military medical staff. Since March 23rd, Moroccan factories started producing its sanitary masks and ventilators with oxygen masks. The production of ethyl alcohol, necessary for the manufacture of disinfectant products, in particular antiseptic gels, has been increased to meet demand.

After having guaranteed the coverage of the needs of the national market of the Kingdom where the wearing of the mask has been compulsory since last April 7, Morocco has recently started to export protective masks. The first exports were sent in particular to European countries.

**Moroccan National Solidarity Fund**

The solidarity fund to fight against the coronavirus set up by His Majesty King Mohammed VI May God Help Him is a major tool.

In this regard, a Special Fund was created on the Initiative of HM the King and which has collected 3.5 billion US dollars. The fund is still continue to receive voluntary financial contributions from the main companies of the Kingdom, and senior state officials, parliamentarians and Moroccan citizens, who joined in this act of solidarity to help the most disadvantaged. Thanks to this Royal Initiative, 5.1 million households - many of which operate in the informal sector - were able to benefit from direct financial subsidies.

**H.M The King Mohammed VI : 21 years of progress and realizations**

The Throne Day provides the opportunity to highlight the achievements of the Kingdom of Morocco under the leadership of HM Mohammed VI King of Morocco. Thus, since the accession of His Majesty King to the Throne of His Glorious Ancestors in 1999, the Kingdom has made a remarkable progress in a number of fields all over the two last decades. During this period, the Moroccan Sovereign has made of the Kingdom a true pole of stability in a turbulent region. Morocco, has adopted thanks to the King's Vision, an inclusive and democratic approach making of human development a main priority. In terms of economic development and infrastructures, many projects have been initiated. Green Morocco, industrial acceleration, tourism plan, renewable energies, sustainable development, digital transformation etc.

**Royal Initiatives to fight Covid-19 in Africa**



H.M the King Mohammed VI

His Majesty Mohammed VI, King of Morocco, has proposed since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, to launch an African initiative as a pragmatic and action-oriented approach aimed at sisterly African countries, which allows for an exchange of experiences and good practices and seeks to establish an operational framework to support their efforts in the different phases of the management of the pandemic. In this regard, His Majesty the King has given, last June, His Very High Instructions for sending medical aid to several brotherly African countries (Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Comoros, Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Malawi, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Tanzania, Chad and Zambia), including 8 million masks, 900,000 protective screens, 600,000 surgical caps, 60,000 gowns, 30,000 liters of hydroalcoholic gel, 75,000 boxes of the drug chloroquine and 75,000 boxes of the drug azithromycin. All the protective products and equipment making up the medical aids are produced in Morocco by Moroccan companies and comply with the World Health Organization's standards.



**Covid-19: mobilization of the Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco**

The Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco has set up a crisis unit to assist any Moroccans in Rwanda during these tough times. Permanent contact with them has been established and so far, no case of contamination or death was reported. The Moroccan community is keen on respecting the sanitary instructions and measures imposed by the Rwandan authorities

**Morocco-Rwanda : a unique relationship**



Arrival of H.M the King Mohammed VI in Kigali (18 Oct, 2016)

Relations between Morocco and Rwanda witnessed a turning point after the official visit of H.M King Mohammed VI to Rwanda in October 2016, and the official visit to Morocco of H.E Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, in June 2016. Since these visits, 37 agreements covering various fields were signed between the two countries and many official visits were exchanged. For this purpose, a follow-up committee was created in January 2020, in order to accelerate the implementation of these agreements, as well as to explore new avenues for the development of bilateral cooperation between the two countries. Since then, several cooperation projects are already operational and others will be launched shortly. In this regard, it should mention three projects that will be launched soon, namely the housing project, the pharmaceutical manufacturing factory and the OCP fertilizer production plant.



Inauguration of the Embassy of Rwanda in Morocco (15 Jan 2020)



H.E Youssef Imani, Ambassador of His Majesty to the Republic of Rwanda

This health crisis, which changed our habits and our daily lives, has had a profound impact both on the population health and on the social-economic conditions. Under the leadership of our Heads of States, Morocco and Rwanda swift response and comprehensive socioeconomic relief measures to mitigate the fallout of COVID-19 were hailed worldwide. Several international publications in Europe and across the Atlantic Ocean, as well as many international think-tanks, lauded their efforts and highlighted the countries quick response. The combined exceptional precautionary and relief measures adopted by the two countries made all the difference for those cooped up in their homes, and as long as all components of the two countries societies continue to pull together, showing solidarity and generous self-denial, we shall get through this global sanitary crisis.

