

Mr. Taoufik BACCAR, Governor of the Central Bank of Tunisia (BCT) was informed on Monday 20 October 2009 about set up of many private corporates and projects launched by foreign and national investment groups in Gafsa, Metlaoui and Redaief.

In South Gafsa, the Governor of the BCT visited an industrial unit of manufacturing of wires for automobiles, carried by the Japanese group “yasaki”, which has up to now created 653 jobs with a view to creating 3,000 jobs in 2010. On this occasion, he was informed about the investment programme of this group in several cities of the governorate, notably “Om Larayes”. Thus, a production unit will start-up there over the forthcoming weeks with a capacity of some 690 jobs.

In Metlaoui, Mr. BACCAR inspected a new totally-exporting ready-to-wear unit carried by a university graduate private promoter in the framework of a sub-contraction agreement with “Benetton”, the Italian group. The unit, with the investment amount coming at 190.000 dinars, employs 80 persons.

Then, he visited another sanitation equipment production unit that was launched by Abdennadher group for 25 million dinars, likely to create 350 jobs.

The Governor of the BCT was also informed about components of the presidential project to extend the industrial zone in Metlaoui, with the implementation will be by end 2009 for estimated investment of 2.5 million dinars. This project will help fit out an additional 14 hectares for private lay-out.

In Redaief, the Governor was informed about the advance in the project of textile plant, initiated in the framework of Tunisian-Italian partnership for 7.5 million dinars and with an estimated creation of 1,000 jobs.

Mr. BACCAR focussed on the faster pace of private project creation in the Governorate of Gafsa, encouraged by the exceptional incentives recommended by the Head of the State.

He referred to the State concern for further development of logistic means (basis infrastructure and means of transport) in order to encourage private promoters’ lay-out in this governorate as well as in all other regions inside the country.