



# HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

12 FEBRUARY - 18 FEBRUARY 2024



*Human Rights are inherent to all human beings, regardless of the nationality, place of residence, sex, national or ethnic origin, color, religion, language or any other status without discrimination. These rights are all universal, inalienable, interrelated, interdependent and indivisible.*

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## LEBANON

**Monday**

12 Feb 2024

### Hostile drone targets car near Bint Jbeil governmental hospital

On February 12, 2024 the National News Agency reported that a hostile drone targeted a car near the Bint Jbeil governmental hospital.

### An Israeli airstrike on a house in Tayr Harfa left two people injured

A reporter from the National News Agency reported that the Israeli airstrike on the town of Tayr Harfa targeted a house in the center of the town, resulting in two serious injuries on February 12, 2024. Rescue teams were able to evacuate three people who were trapped in their home due to the shelling to a safe area. The airstrike also caused damage to a number of homes, and Civil Defense rescue teams worked to remove the rubble amid heavy Israeli aircraft surveillance in the skies. The forests in the Labouneh area east of Naqoura were also subjected to intermittent artillery shelling.

### The Internal Security Forces mourned Sergeant Ali Muhammad Nimr Mahdi as a result of the Israeli bombing on his town of Houla

The National News Agency reported on February 12, 2024, that the Internal Security Forces and the people of the southern town of Houla mourned Sergeant Ali Muhammad Nimr Mahdi, who died as a result of the Israeli aggression that targeted the border town on 02/11/2024.

**Tuesday**

13 Feb 2024

### The official committee of professors at the Lebanese University announced the continuation of their strike

The National News Agency reported that the committee of professors at the Lebanese University held a meeting, in the presence of representatives of professors from the university's various faculties and branches on February 13, 2024. Following the meeting, the committee released a statement where they shed light on the unprecedentedly difficult situation they are facing. The statement also announced that they will continue to strike until their demands are met.

### Israeli airstrikes in Houla targeted a commercial center and a house

On February 13, 2024, the NNA reported that airstrikes on Houla disrupted local transportation by damaging a commercial center on the main road, effectively cutting off the route between Mays al-Jabal and Houla. A separate strike also targeted a house in the Al-Marj neighborhood.

Wednesday  
14 Feb 2024

### Syrian returnees subjected to "gross human rights violations and abuses", UN report details

On February 13, 2024, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights published a press release documenting the gross human rights violations and abuses Syrians who had fled the war face upon their return to Syria. The report states that the documented violations and abuses have been perpetrated by the Government, *de facto* authorities and other armed groups across the country. Furthermore, the report highlights that women returnees face specifically discriminatory restrictions on their liberty to move freely and independently. According to the report: "There are reasonable grounds to believe that the overall conditions in Syria do not permit safe, dignified and sustainable returns of Syrian refugees to their home country". The report calls on all parties to the conflict to fully respect international humanitarian law and international human rights law. It also urges the Syrian Government and all other parties to the conflict to grant UN entities and other international and non-governmental organizations unhindered access to monitor the conditions of Syrians who return home.

### Cyprus will keep trying to send back 116 migrants to Lebanon

On February 14, 2024, "Cyprus Mail" as well as other media platforms reported that Cyprus was in discussions with Lebanon over the return of 116 Syrian migrants rescued off its coast after Beirut refused to accept them back. Cyprus is dealing "at a political level" with Lebanon's refusal to accept 116 Syrian migrants, Interior Minister Constantinos Ioannou said. The minister explained that Lebanese authorities had notified Cyprus that a boat registered under Lebanon's ship registry had departed and may have been in danger. Cypriot authorities then carried out a search and rescue operation. After liaising with Lebanon, Cyprus then moved to send the 116 Syrian nationals back to Lebanon. Nonetheless, when the boats approached Lebanon, they were informed they would not be allowed to disembark.

### Israeli airstrike on the Aadchit- Qsaybeh road results in casualties

On February 14, 2024, the "National News Agency" correspondent in Nabatieh reported that Israeli warplanes carried out an air raid, targeting a building on the Aadchit- Qsaybeh road with two missiles, which resulted in the total destruction of said building. There were reports of casualties, and ambulance crews were dispatched to the targeted area. The Israeli aircraft also carried out a similar raid targeting "Bouslaiya" on the outskirts of the town of Jbaa in the Iqlim al-Tuffah region.

### Israeli airstrike on Shahabiyah targeted a house

On February 14, 2024, the "National News Agency" correspondent in Tyre reported that the airstrike carried out by Israeli warplanes on the town of Shahabiyah targeted a house, and that ambulances were dispatched to the area.

### Raid on Aadchit resulted in 1 fatality, 10 injuries, and major destruction

According to the National News Agency, an Israeli airstrike on the Lebanese town of Aadchit killed one person, injured ten, and caused extensive damage to property on February 14, 2024. The airstrike targeted a building on the main road in Aadchit, which led to its complete destruction. The airstrike also caused damage to power lines and telephone lines, and several cars were damaged.

Rescue teams from the Islamic Health Authority, the Islamic Message Scouts, the Red Cross, and the Nabatieh Ambulance Service transported ten injured people to hospitals in Nabatieh. Civil Defense teams worked to remove the rubble from the airstrike.

### UN Humanitarian Coordinator comments on Increase of Civilian Casualties in South Lebanon

The United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator for Lebanon, Imran Riza, commented on the unfolding events in South Lebanon, where airstrikes have reportedly claimed numerous civilian lives on February 15, 2024. He stated the following: *"The recent surge in hostilities and the reported airstrikes resulting in increasing civilian casualties are extremely concerning. Among the victims are children, mothers, and grandparents. The loss of innocent life is lamentable. The rules of war are clear: Parties must protect civilians and these rules must be upheld. They are not a target."*

### Israeli artillery targeted Markaba, Wadi Saluki, and Rab El Thalathine with phosphorus shells

The National News Agency correspondent in Marjayoun reported that Israeli artillery targeted the towns of Markaba, Wadi Saluki and Rab El Thalathine with phosphorus shells.

### Preliminary toll of the Nabatieh massacre: Five killed from the Barjawi family, two others under the rubble and wounded

The National News Agency correspondent reported that the preliminary toll of the massacre committed by the Israeli army in the city of Nabatieh has risen to 7 as of February 15, 2024.

Initially the National News Agency had reported that the Israeli army committed a massacre on February 14, 2024 in an airstrike on the city of Nabatieh, killing an entire family. On Thursday, February 15, 2024 rescue and relief teams managed to pull out the child Hussein Ali Amer alive from under the rubble shortly after midnight. The bodies of Hussein Ahmed Daher Barjawi, his daughters Amani Hussein Barjawi and Zainab Hussein Barjawi, his sister Fatima Ahmed Barjawi, and the child Mahmoud Ali Amer, were pulled out and taken to Nabatieh hospitals. The search for the bodies of Amal Mahmoud Awda and his niece Ghadir Tarhini is ongoing. Barjawi's son-in-law Ali Amer and more than 6 injured people were also taken to hospitals. The raid also caused extensive damage to the three-story building, including the targeted apartment, which is now in danger of collapsing due to the large cracks in it. The neighboring buildings, parked cars, and the electricity and telephone networks were also damaged.

### Israel's military assaults against civilians in Lebanon have increased, warns Euro-Med Monitor

In a report released on February 15, 2024 Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor warned that the Israeli army has expanded its military attacks in Lebanon. The article cites Israel's systematic and deliberate targeting of civilians, which have resulted in dozens of casualties. The report documented Israeli airstrikes on the town of Nabatieh on Wednesday 14 February, which killed four Lebanese and injured three others, including a child. Meanwhile, Israeli airstrikes on the towns of Al-Sowaneh and Adshit in southern Lebanon resulted in the killing of four additional Lebanese and the injuries of 10 more individuals, including a woman and two children. This could be viewed as a new war crime committed by Israel against Lebanese civilians, said the rights organization. The Geneva-based organization emphasized the need for an impartial and thorough international investigation into the war crimes and grave violations caused by Israel's military assaults in southern Lebanon, particularly with regard to the targeting of civilians and the disproportionate use of force that violates international humanitarian law.



**Friday**  
16 Feb 2024

### **United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs: civilian infrastructure must be protected**

On February 16, 2024 the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs released its “top news of the day” titled “Occupied Palestinian Territory, Lebanon, Ukraine”. In its commentary on Lebanon, the article stresses that civilian infrastructure must be protected. The article also mentions that the escalating hostilities in southern Lebanon have displaced more than 88,000 people, according to numbers provided by the International Organization for Migration. OCHA also stated the following: “We and our partners continue to provide humanitarian assistance to those who have fled their homes, complementing Government-led initiatives. This includes food, health care, cash assistance, education support, and legal protection services for displaced families – as well as support in maintaining water and wastewater treatment systems.” Meanwhile, OCHA estimates that some 60,000 people remain in border villages highly affected by exchanges of fire.

### **Human Rights Watch: World Court to Review 57-Year Israeli Occupation**

An article released by Human Rights Watch on February 16, 2024 stated that an unprecedented number of countries and international organizations are expected to participate in the International Court of Justice’s (ICJ) oral hearings on Israel’s occupation beginning February 19, 2024, Human Rights Watch said today. Fifty-two countries and three international organizations will participate in the oral proceedings, more than in any other case since the world’s highest court began functioning in 1946.

**Saturday and Sunday**  
17 and 18 Feb 2024

### **Two airstrikes on two houses in Yaroun**

According to the National News Agency, the town of Yaroun in southern Lebanon was targeted by two Israeli airstrikes on the morning of February 17, 2024. The first airstrike hit a house in the Al-Bayader neighborhood of Yaron with two missiles. The second airstrike hit a house in the town's main square with no casualties reported.

### **"Retired Soldiers" announce civil disobedience and refuse to pay new fees and taxes"**

According to the National News Agency, “Retired Soldiers” released ‘Statement Number One’ on February 17, 2024, which announced ‘the call for civil disobedience by not paying all new fees and taxes, including electricity, water, and telephone bills, municipal fees, and fees for all official transactions...until further notice.’

# REPORTING A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO CLDH

If you wish to report an incident that may potentially constitute a violation of human rights, kindly send an email to the following address: [\*\*violations@cldh-lebanon.org\*\*](mailto:violations@cldh-lebanon.org)

You can also report an incident anonymously through our [\*\*website\*\*](#).

When making a report, please ensure to include the following information:

- **WHERE:** City/village, governorate, additional details (e.g. what prison)
- **WHAT:** Nature of the violation
- **HOW:** A narrative description of what happened
- **WHEN:** Date of the episode (at least the year, if day and month are unknown)
- **TO WHOM:** Information regarding the victim (name, nationality, gender, date of birth, city of origin, phone number). Only share this information with the consent of the person.
- **WHO** is the person reporting (name, phone number) and how were they identified (e.g., victim him/herself, family member, eyewitness, journalist, humanitarian worker...)

The information referred will remain completely private. It will be fact-checked and registered into CLDH's internal system. No action will be undertaken without the explicit and written consent of the reporter.



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