



# HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

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## LEBANON

Monday  
1 Jan 2024

### [The “Special International Tribunal for Lebanon” to investigate the assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri officially ends its work](#)

According to a statement attributed to the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Special International Tribunal for Lebanon, which was established by a Security Council decision to investigate the killers of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, has been officially closed. The Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres, officially ended its work.

The tribunal which issued its historic ruling against those accused of the crime of the murder of Rafik Hariri, left 3 other cases unresolved. They include the case of the assassination of the former Secretary General of the Lebanese Communist Party, George Hawi, and two assassination attempts, on Former Minister Elias Murr, and current MP Marwan Hamadeh.

Tuesday  
2 Jan 2024

### [Missile falls on the campus of Mays al-Jabal Governmental Hospital with no casualties reported](#)

The National News Agency representative reported that the Israeli army targeted the campus of Mays al-Jabal Governmental Hospital. A shell fell in the hospital's parking lot near the fence, and fragments flew and reached inside the emergency department. There were no casualties reported among the medical and nursing staff on duty.

### [Hamis official Saleh Al-Arouri and 6 others killed, and 11 people were injured in an Israeli drone raid on the Hamas office in the suburb of Beirut](#)

A representative of the Lebanese National News Agency reported that the Israeli drone raid which targeted a Hamas office, where a meeting of the Palestinian factions was being held, led to the murder of Hamas official in the West Bank, Saleh Al-Arouri, and 3 others, and wounded 11 people.

The NNA representative indicated that two missiles targeted the Hamas office and the escort vehicles parked in front of the building in Mcharrafiye.

Wednesday  
3 Jan 2023

### [UNIFIL warns of escalation after Arouri killing may have 'devastating consequences'](#)

Deputy Director of the UNIFIL Information Office, Candice Ardell, said in an interview with the National News Agency about the situation on the Blue Line after the assassination of Saleh Al-Arouri: “We are deeply concerned about any possibility of escalation that could have devastating consequences for people on both sides of the border.” We continue to call on all parties to cease fire, as well as any influential interlocutors to urge restraint.”

Thursday  
4 Jan 2023

**Representatives of tenant committees called for a sit-in next Tuesday in rejection of the new rental legislation on residential and non-residential properties**

The National News Agency reported that representatives of tenants' committees and owners of commercial, industrial and craft establishments and their workers held a meeting at the headquarters of the National Federation of Trade Unions and Employees in Lebanon (FENASOL).

The representatives called for a sit-in in Sassine Square in Beirut and in a number of other Lebanese cities, at four o'clock next Tuesday, January 9, 2024, "to say no to real estate dealers and those sucking the blood of the people."

**Lebanese Army Thwarts attempts to cross the border by Syrian individuals**

According to the Lebanese Army's official page, army units continued their missions aimed at combating people smuggling and illegal crossing. In this context, during the past two weeks, attempts by about 700 Syrians to cross the Lebanese-Syrian border were thwarted. On 3/1/2024, 9 Syrian individuals who had crossed into Lebanese territory were arrested at the Shudra-Akkar checkpoint, and the tanker driver was arrested. An investigation with the detainees took place under the supervision of the competent judiciary.

Friday  
5 Jan 2023

**Human Rights Watch report: Israel: Gaza Workers Held Incommunicado for Weeks**

"Israeli authorities detained thousands of workers for weeks without charge in incommunicado detention, subjecting at least some to humiliating ill-treatment," said Michelle Randhawa, senior refugee and migrant rights officer at Human Rights Watch. "The search for perpetrators and abettors of the October 7 attacks does not justify abusing workers who had been granted permits to work in Israel."

Saturday and Sunday  
6 and 7 Jan 2023

**Minister of Education announced the closing of schools, secondary schools, institutes and vocational schools located in the southern border region**

The Minister of Education and Higher Education in the caretaker government, Dr. Abbas Al-Halabi, announced the closure of official and private schools, high schools, institutes and vocational centers located in the southern border region, leaving the decision to the directors of these institutions throughout the Southern and Nabatieh governorates, regarding opening or closing schools, according to the development of the security and military situation in the aforementioned areas.

The Minister of Education's decision came as a result of the military developments taking place in the border areas and areas farthest from the border at times, and out of concern not to endanger the safety of students, teachers, and families.

Minister Al-Halabi stressed in his previous directives regarding ensuring education for students in their villages in the border areas, by registering on the platform designated for them and for teachers as well, with the aim of handing them tablet computers to continue learning remotely, and handing teachers "laptops" for the same purpose, especially since registration allows teachers to receive the productivity allowance allocated to them.

Minister Al-Halabi also stressed his "directives to students and teachers who moved to other regions on the necessity of benefiting from response schools and obtaining the transportation allowance allocated to students, as well as food support, educational follow-up, and psychological and social support that accompanies securing education."

### A raid on Aita al-Shaab led to damage to cars and the local water and electricity networks

The representative of the National News Agency in Tyre reported that Israeli reconnaissance aircraft conducted a raid, targeting an uninhabited house in the town of Aita al-Shaab, which led to its destruction and damage to a number of cars and to the water and electricity networks. This was followed by a second raid on the outskirts of the town.

Israeli artillery also bombed the outskirts of Naqoura and Mount Labouneh. Reconnaissance aircraft flew throughout Saturday night and until Sunday morning over the villages of the western and central sectors, all the way to the outskirts of the city of Tyre. The Israeli army also continued to fire flares over the border villages adjacent to the Blue Line.

The villages of the central sector in Maroun al-Ras and the city of Bint Jbeil also witnessed military aircraft flying at low altitude.



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