



► What are human rights?

Human rights represent a fundamental area of international law which developed following the atrocities committed during World War I and II. Amongst the first instruments is the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) - championed by Eleanor Roosevelt – marking the first time that a statement existed that human rights do not simply belong to the national level but exist on the international plane as well. Subsequently, human rights were defined internationally as we know them today – rights inherent to all human beings, regardless of the nationality, place of residence, sex, national/ethnic origin, colour, religion, language or any other status without discrimination. These rights are all universal, inalienable, interrelated, interdependent and indivisible. They are subject to national implementation and international protection. Therefore, it remains the responsibility of states to act in certain ways or to refrain from certain acts, in order to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms of individuals or groups.



LOCAL

Monday
1 March 2021

Lebanon – [Lebanon registers 51 coronavirus deaths, 1,888 cases in 24 hours](#)

Lebanon recorded 51 more coronavirus-related deaths and 1,888 further cases, as the country began easing lockdown restrictions.

Lebanon – [No papers, no jab: Lebanon's migrants face barriers to COVID-19 vaccination](#)

Even if the vaccine program is open to migrants, the fact that an ID number is required for registration is excluding several hundred thousand of them who do not have their papers in order. Officials and human rights groups are concerned that migrants could be left out.

Lebanon – [China donates 50,000 doses of Sinopharm vaccine to Lebanon](#)

The Chinese ambassador announced that China is going to donate 50,000 doses of its homemade Sinopharm vaccine to Lebanon in order to help the country in its battle against the pandemic.

Lebanon – [Lebanon eases restrictions despite rise in COVID-19 cases](#)

Factories, different types of shops, as well as ski slopes and malls are allowed to reopen, despite warnings from experts that cases could soar again.

Tuesday
2 March 2021

Lebanon – [Lebanon registers 62 COVID-19 deaths, 3,098 new cases](#)

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Lebanon – [Lebanese take to streets to protest economic collapse as currency hits all-time low](#)

As the country's economy collapse continues and the Lebanese pound sunk to a new record level and was trading at 10,000 pounds for a dollar on the black market, hundreds of demonstrators took to the streets across Lebanon to protest the incompetence of politicians.

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Tripoli – [Two Detainees Released, Scuffles Before Military Court](#)

While dozens of protesters were demonstrating in front of the Military Court, the Court of Cassation approved on Monday the decision of the Military Investigating Judge to release two of the thirty-five activists currently detained on "terrorism" charges after their involvement in the demonstrations in Tripoli at the end of January.

Lebanon – [Lebanon registers 61 COVID-19 deaths, 3,463 new cases](#)

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Lebanon – ['How I can feed my family now?': Lebanese protest for second day](#)

Nationwide protests continue as hundreds of Lebanese gathered in cities across Lebanon protesting for a second straight day against the corruption and mismanagement of the political elite, the crippling depreciation of the local currency and soaring unemployment.

Beirut – [the families of the victims give Judge Bitar three weeks](#)

The families of the victims of the explosion on August 4 in the port of Beirut gave three weeks to the new judge in charge of the investigation, Tarek Bitar, to unveil the first results of the case.

Lebanon – [CLDH published a report on human rights violations throughout a year of Demonstrations](#)

This report aims to outline the most prominent human rights violations in Lebanon that occurred during the protests of the political uprising since October 2019.

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Lebanon – [Protesters block roads with no end in sight to Lebanon crisis](#)

Protests continued all over Lebanon as anger mounted over the terrible living conditions in the crises-stricken country. Demonstrators blocked Bechara al-Khoury road, the Ring Bridge in Downtown Beirut, the Jiyeh highway south of Beirut, the Mina highway in Tripoli and Martyrs' Square with burning tires.

Lebanon – [Lebanon coronavirus death toll nears 5,000](#)

Lebanon recorded 53 more coronavirus-related deaths and 3,369 further cases raising the total number of fatalities to 4,919.

Friday
5 March 2021

Lebanon – [Lebanon registers 52 COVID-19 deaths, 3,202 cases](#)

Lebanon recorded 52 more coronavirus-related deaths and 3,202 further cases, as the country awaited more vaccine shipments.

Lebanon – [Lebanon protests over currency drop enter fourth day](#)

For the fourth consecutive day Protesters blocked roads all over Lebanon, they burned tires and gathered in front of politicians' residences including billionaire parliament member and former Prime Minister Najib Mikati's and parliament member Samir Jisr's homes.

Lebanon – [For HRW, the law on sexual harrasment in Lebanon has important gaps](#)

According to Human Rights Watch, Lebanon's recently adopted law against sexual harassment falls short of international standards because it treats sexual harassment as a crime while neglecting prevention, necessary labor law reforms, monitoring, and civil remedies. The NGO calls on the Lebanese government to ratify the International Labor Organization Convention.

Saturday and Sunday
6 and 7 March 2021

Lebanon – [Roads blocked in Lebanon as pound falls to record low](#)

Lebanon was in flames Saturday as protesters blocked a number of roads around the country with burning tires for a fifth consecutive day while the local currency plunges.

Lebanon – [Lebanon registers 42 new coronavirus deaths, 3,158 cases](#)

Lebanon recorded 42 more coronavirus-related deaths and 3,158 further cases.

Lebanon – [Protesters block roads for sixth day as currency collapses](#)

For the sixth day in a row, protesters partially blocked the main highways linking Beirut to north and south Lebanon on Sunday as anger simmers over Lebanon's financial crisis.



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Egypt – [Egypt to register millions of gig workers for state insurance, aid](#)

The government will start registering millions of gig workers in order to offer them health insurance and emergency state aid amid the pandemic, but some fear tax and social security payment demands and be reluctant to sign up

Yemen – [UN warns of Yemen 'death sentence' as donor pledges fall short](#)

The UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has warned of a "death sentence" for Yemen after only \$1.7bn was pledged at a donor conference to fund urgently needed humanitarian programs.

Algeria – [Algeria riots after activist jailed](#)

Protests erupted in Ouargla after Ameer Guerrache, a blogger and activist was handed a seven-year jail sentence for condoning acts of terrorism.

Syria – [Fire kills 3 children in Syrian camp housing IS families - Syria camp for IS relatives records 31 murders this year](#)

UNICEF called for the safe reintegration and repatriation of all children across the northeast of Syria following the fire that killed 3 children and injured 15 others in al-Hol Camp. According to a Kurdish official, at least 31 killings have rocked in this camp, housing families of members of the Islamic State group since early January.

Saudi Arabia – [Houthi munition wounds five civilians in Saudi: state media](#)

A munition fired by Yemen's Houthi rebels wounded five civilians, 3 Saudis and 2 Yemenis, in Jizan after a projectile slammed into a public road.

Egypt – [Egyptian activists in US say families facing ramped up pressure](#)

Rights advocates are urging US President to pressure Egypt to improve its rights record while Egyptian rights activists in the US are accusing the Sisi government of targeting their families to pressure them into silence.

Tuesday
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Occupied Palestine – [Israel moving to protect hundreds of personnel against ICC probe](#)

Since the ICC ruled last month that it has jurisdiction over the occupied West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem, Israel estimates that hundreds of its citizens might be subject to war crimes probes and is working on how to protect them.

Egypt – [Egypt executes 11 convicted of murder](#)

According to a security source, the authorities hanged 11 people convicted of murder in Borg al-Arab prison. Rights campaigners have labelled this as "a horrifying execution spree".

Syria / France – [Syrian victims of chemical attacks file case with French prosecutors](#)

As French investigating judges have a mandate to determine whether crimes against humanity were committed anywhere in the world, lawyers representing victims of a chemical weapons attack in Syria have filed a criminal complaint against Syrian officials.

Syria – [UN report: Tens of thousands of Syrian detainees forcibly disappeared](#)

As Syria prepares to mark ten years of fighting, a newly published report by the UN Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic has outlined that tens of thousands of arbitrarily detained civilians in Syria remain unaccounted for.

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Occupied Palestine – [ICC prosecutor opens probe in Palestinian territories](#)

The International Criminal Court opened a war crimes probe into the situation in the Israeli-occupied Palestinian territories, to cover alleged crimes by both sides, mainly during the 2014 Gaza war.

Afghanistan – [Islamic State says it killed female media workers in east Afghanistan](#)

The Islamic State has claimed responsibility for an attack that gunned down 3 female media workers aged between 18 and 20 in the eastern city of Jalalabad, the latest attack against Afghan civic space.

Iraq – [One dead in rocket attack on Iraq base hosting US troops](#)

A civilian contractor has been killed in rocket attack targeting a military base in western Iraq that hosts US-led coalition troops.

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Egypt – [Sharp criticism over law change limiting women's rights](#)

About 50 Egyptian women's organizations published a statement laying out basic principles regarding women's legal rights and call for a review of a reported bill aiming at changing women's rights and responsibilities around divorce and marriage, saying it is unjust and regressive.

Tunisia – [Tunisian activist jailed for 'insulting' police while lodging complaint](#)

As she tried to lodge a complaint over police intimidation, Rania Amdouni, a 26-year-old LGBT rights and pro-democracy activist was sentenced to 6 months in jail for "insulting police and abuse of morals".

Egypt – [Watchdog urges Egypt to probe disappearance of young mother](#)

Amnesty International urged Egyptian authorities to release Manar Adel Abu el-Nagaa, a university teacher who was arrested by security agents together with her husband Omar Abdelhamid Abu el-Naga and their one-year-old son in March 2019. Their whereabouts remained unknown until she appeared last month before Egypt's Supreme State Security prosecutors over terror charges and was ordered pre-trial detention.

Afghanistan – [Bomb kills female Afghan doctor, gunmen kill 7 workers: Officials](#)

A female doctor was killed in a bomb blast in the city of Jalalabad, while at least seven civilians were shot to death by gunmen overnight in the country's east.

Friday
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Algeria – [Thousands hit the streets in fresh Algeria protests](#)

Thousands demonstrated in Algiers and other cities as the revived protest movement known locally as "Hirak" takes root again.

Saudi Arabia – [UN still waiting for proof Dubai's Sheikha Latifa alive](#)

A fortnight after seeking proof, the UN is still waiting for evidence from the United Arab Emirates that Dubai's Sheikha Latifa is still alive.

Iran – [Further encroachments on Iranian civil society as Iran's largest NGO is dissolved](#)

A court in Tehran has upheld an Interior Ministry motion to dissolve the Imam Ali Popular Students Relief Society, a prominent NGO providing humanitarian services and the only Iranian organization to hold consultative status with the UN.

Saturday and Sunday
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Tunisia – [Tunisians protest to demand release of jailed activist](#)

Hundreds of demonstrators took to the streets of Tunis Saturday to demand the release of Rania Amdouni, a gay rights and democracy activist, who was sentenced to jail last Thursday, and other detainees who had participated in the country's latest protests.

Yemen – [Fighting in Yemen's Marib kills 90 in 24 hours: govt military sources](#)

According to government military sources, the violent fighting in the Marib area between Yemeni pro-government forces and the Shiite Huthi rebels has killed at least 90 combatants on both sides in 24 hours.

Syria – [Missile strikes on Syria oil refineries kill 4: monitor](#)

Missile strikes launched from Russian warships by allied Syrian government forces on makeshift oil refineries in Aleppo province killed four people and injured more than 20 others, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

Palestine – [Explosion kills 3 Gaza fishermen, Hamas rocket suspected](#)

3 Palestinian fishermen were killed on Sunday in an explosion allegedly triggered by a rocket mistakenly fired by the Hamas ruling group.

Iran – [Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe freed in Iran, but faces new charge](#)

The house arrest of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, a British-Iranian national convicted of sedition, has officially ended but, she has been summoned to appear in court on another charge it remains unclear whether she will be able to leave Iran.



INTERNATIONAL

Monday
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Congo – [Rival rallies due in Armenia as crisis deepens](#)

Supporters and opponents of Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan held rival rallies in Yerevan as the political crisis deepens since last year's war with Azerbaijan.

Bangladesh – [Hundreds rally in Bangladesh over writer's death in prison](#)

About 300 students and activists have rallied in Dacca to denounce the death in prison of Mushtaq Ahmed, a writer and commentator and to demand the annulment of the controversial Digital Security Act under which he was arrested last year.

Russia – [UN rights experts urge international probe of Navalny poisoning](#)

UN human rights experts say Kremlin critic Alexey Navalny's poisoning was meant to send a 'sinister warning' to quash dissent and called for an international investigation.

Democratic Republic of the Congo – [Suspected ADF rebels kill villagers in eastern DRC: Army](#)

Fighters believed to be from the notorious Allied Democratic Forces have decapitated eight civilians and shot two other dead in 2 separate attacks in the east of the country, the army said.

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France – [Head of French church child abuse probe says possibly 10,000 victims](#)

Jean-Marc Sauve, head of an independent commission set up by the Catholic church to investigate child abuse in France said there might have been up to 10,000 victims since 1950.

Nigeria – [All abducted Nigerian schoolgirls freed by kidnappers](#)

The armed gang have freed all 279 girls kidnapped last Friday from the Government Girls Science Secondary School in the town of Jangebe.

United States / Saudi Arabia – [Ilhan Omar unveils bill to sanction MBS for Khashoggi's murder](#)

Minnesota lawmaker Ilhan Omar introduced a bill to sanction Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman for his role in the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, putting her at odds with Nancy Pelosi and President Joe Biden.

United States – [Victims of anti-Asian attacks reflect a year into pandemic](#)

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, monitoring groups have recorded thousands of cases of discrimination against Asian Americans.

Mozambique – [Army, private firm, fighters accused of Mozambique war crimes](#)

Amnesty International has said in a new report that hundreds of civilians in Cabo Delgado province are victims of indiscriminate killing by rebel fighters, government forces and a "private militia" backing the authorities.

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Colombia – [Colombia military operation kills 10 FARC dissidents](#)

The Colombian army bombed a base housing dissidents from the former FARC rebel group, killing 10 and injured 3, in Calamar, southeast Colombia.

Ethiopia – [Four media workers freed after being held in Ethiopia](#)

Four media workers arrested Saturday in Ethiopia after three days of reporting on the conflict in Tigray were freed.

Myanmar – [At least 33 dead as Myanmar security forces fire at protesters](#)

According to local media and Facebook postings compiled, at least 33 protesters were killed by Myanmar security forces, the highest number since Feb. 1 military coup.

Worldwide – [Mapping internet shutdowns around the world](#)

According to a new report published by Access Now, a non-profit digital rights group, in 2020, India topped list of 29 countries that intentionally blocked access to the internet.

China – [China's slow cultural genocide practices of the Uyghurs revealed in official report](#)

A leaked report by academics at Nankai University accidentally published online has outlined how Chinese labour programs in Xinjiang are designed to reduce the population density of Uyghur minorities.

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Worldwide – [A crisis with a woman's face](#)

The pandemic is worsening the inequalities faced by women, as they are more likely to work in sectors most affected by the pandemic. Indeed, most essential front-line workers are women among them many are from racially and ethnically marginalized groups.

Myanmar – [UN tells Myanmar military to 'stop murdering' protesters](#)

After the deadliest day of protests that saw security forces firing in the crowd, UN highlighted that at least 54 people have been killed and over 1,700 detained since the military coup.

Djibouti – [UN: 20 migrants die after thrown overboard en route to Yemen](#)

According to the International Organization for Migration, at least 20 migrants drowned after smugglers threw 80 people overboard. The boat set off from Djibouti to Yemen on Wednesday with 200 migrants. 5 bodies have been recovered, and the survivors are being treated in Djibouti.

Mexico / United States – [Matamoros to the US: A long journey across a short bridge](#)

The US Department for Homeland Security had announced that it would be "processing" individuals for entry to the United States and this week Biden's reversal of Trump immigration policies took shape as asylum seekers crossed the border.

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Myanmar – [Security Council urged to act on Myanmar as protesters are again met with gunfire](#)

Myanmar police opened fire again on demonstrators, killing one man. Following the deaths of dozens of civilian protester this week, the special U.N. special envoy on Myanmar said the situation in the country was moving toward "an acute humanitarian crisis".

Somalia – [Al Shabaab militants storm Somali jail, seven soldiers killed](#)

At least seven soldiers were killed when fighters of the Somali Islamist group al Shabaab stormed the main prison in Bosaso, Puntland's largest city.

India – [100 days and 248 deaths later, Indian farmers remain determined](#)

According to the data collected by Samyukta Kisan Morcha or United Farmers' Front at least 248 farmers have died at the borders outside New Delhi, as the protest enters its 100th day.

India – [Girl's beheading in India spurs calls for 'honour killings' law](#)

A man in Uttar Pradesh beheaded his teenage daughter and carried her severed head to police station, in anger over her relationship with a man. Another case that prompted calls for a law against the so-called "honor killings".

Somalia – [Death toll in bombing in Somalia's capital rises to 20](#)

The death toll has risen to at least 20 after a vehicle packed with explosives hit a popular restaurant in Mogadishu, wounding 30 people. The police spokesman blamed the local al-Shabab extremist group.

Senegal – ['Descend on streets': Senegal opposition calls for mass protests](#)

An opposition collective in Senegal called supporters to take to streets starting Monday after 4 people died in clashes between police and supporters of opposition leader Ousmane Sonko.

Ethiopia / Eritrea – [Eritrean soldiers killed hundreds of civilians in Tigray: HRW - UN: Ethiopian, Eritrean troops behind possible 'war crimes'](#)

Human Rights Watch reported that Eritrean forces shot dead hundreds of civilians and children in a November massacre in neighboring Tigray region while the UN human rights chief's office has corroborated that the grave violations perpetrated by the multiple parties to the conflict could amount to "war crimes and crimes against humanity".

Yemen – [Fighting in Yemen's Marib kills 90 in 24 hours: govt military sources](#)

According to government military sources, the violent fighting in the Marib area between Yemeni pro-government forces and the Shiite Huthi rebels has killed at least 90 combatants on both sides in 24 hours.

Latin America – [COVID surge stirs unrest in parts of Latin America](#)

Authorities face mounting anger in Paraguay, Argentina and Brazil, among other countries, as anger grows against surging COVID-19 infections, the slow rollout of vaccines and in some cases, new lockdown measures.

Switzerland – [Switzerland to ban wearing of burqa and niqab in public places](#)

With results in from 22 of federal Switzerland's 26 cantons, 54 percent of voters were in favor of outlawing facial coverings. Muslim groups criticized the move, which they say will further stigmatize and marginalize their community

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