



## ► 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**  
13 September 2021

**European Union** – [EU urges new Lebanese government to adopt reforms without delay](#) The European Union urges Lebanon's new government to adopt fast reforms that would pave the way for a deal with the IMF to halt the country's economic collapse.

**Special Tribunal for Lebanon** – [The Special Tribunal for Lebanon secures funding to hold Hariri case appeal](#) STL said it has secured enough funding to hear the appeal of its main case centering on the 2005 assassination of PM Rafic Hariri. It will begin on October 4.

**Tuesday**  
14 September 2021

**Lebanon** – [Six people arrested for selling 2-year old baby](#) Shocking news revealed that six people had been involved in the "sale" of a two-year-old child in Jounieh.

**Lebanon** – [Former PM Hassan Diab issued with new subpoena by blast judge](#) Judge Tarek Bitar has issued a new subpoena to former PM Diab to face questioning over the August 2020 Beirut port explosion.

**Wednesday**  
15 September  
2021

**Lebanon** – [Lebanon to resume IMF talks](#) Lebanese government to resume negotiations with the International Monetary Fund while beginning reforms demanded by donors. The reforms will be targeting the restructure of the public debt and the banking sector.

**CLDH** – [Joint Letter to the Human Rights Council calling for an International Investigative Mission into the Beirut Blast](#) CLDH joined Lebanese and international organizations, individuals, survivors, and families of the victims once again to request the adoption of a resolution by the Human Rights Council to establish an international, independent, and impartial investigative mission, such as a one-year fact-finding mission, into human rights violations related to the Beirut port explosion of August 4, 2020.

**Thursday**  
16 September 2021

**Lebanon** – [Blast judge issues arrest warrant for ex-minister](#) The judge investigating last year's Beirut port blast issued an arrest warrant for former public works minister Youssef Finianos after he failed to show up for questioning..

**Friday**  
17 September 2021

**Lebanon** – [Lebanon signs forensic audit contract with Alvarez and Marsal](#) Finance minister Youssef Khalil signs forensic audit contract with Alvarez and Marsal.

**Lebanon** – [Gasoline prices raised by over 37%](#) Lebanon's energy minister further raised gasoline prices by over 30% as subsidies on fuel were lifted.

**Lebanon** - [European Parliament Calls for UN Probe into Beirut Blast](#) The European Parliament heeded calls from survivors of the August 2020 Beirut blast, families of the victims, and many human rights groups to establish an international, independent fact-finding mission within the United Nations framework into the disaster.

**Saturday and Sunday**  
18 and 19 September  
2021

**Lebanon** – [WHO deeply concerned at impact Lebanon crisis is having on health care](#) The director-general of the WHO said he is "deeply concerned" about how Lebanon's economic crisis is impacting health care.



## REGIONAL Middle East

**Monday**  
13 September 2021

**Occupied Palestine** – [1400 Palestinians in Israel jails to hold hunger strike](#) Almost 1400 Palestinians held in Israeli prison are to go on hunger strike in protest at their detention conditions since a jailbreak last week.

**Tuesday**  
14 September 2021

**Bahrain** – [Bahrain's Jews worship in public for first time in decades](#) Jewish traditions into plain view after decades of worshipping in private.

**Egypt** – [U.S to hold \\$130m of Egypt's military aid over human rights](#) The Biden administration to withhold \$130 million worth of military aid to Egypt in order to pressure the Arab ally to improve its human rights record.

**Morocco** – [Morocco dismantles IS cell and arrests three](#) Moroccan authorities have dismantled a cell of Islamic State group-affiliated militants and arrested three suspects accused of plotting an assassination.

**Wednesday**  
15 September 2021

**Saudi Arabia** – [Saudi defences destroy Houthi drone launched toward Abha airport](#) Saudi air defences destroyed an explosive-laden drone launched by Yemen's Houthi group toward Abha airport in the southwest of the kingdom.

**Syria** – [Air strikes kill three pro-Iran fighters in Syria: monitor](#) Air strikes from unidentified drones killed three pro-Iran fighters in Syria's eastern province of Deir Ezzor near the Iraqi border.

**Thursday**  
16 September  
2021

**Yemen** – [At least fifty killed in Yemen clashes: military sources](#) At least fifty rebels and pro-government troops have been killed in clashes in Yemen's central province of Al-Bayda.

**Egypt** – [Amnesty accuses Egypt of intimidation to silence activists](#) Amnesty International accused Egyptian security agencies of "persistent intimidation and harassment" of human rights defenders as a political tactic to silence them.

**Friday**  
17 September 2021

**Saudi Arabia** – [Saudi-led coalition thwarts Houthi missile and drones attack](#) Saudi-led coalition said that it thwarted and destroyed four Houthi explosives-laden drones and a ballistic rocket fired in the direction of the southern Saudi city of Jazan.

**Saturday and  
Sunday**  
18 and 19  
September 2021

**Occupied Palestine** – [Israel captures last two escaped Palestinian prisoners](#) Israeli forces caught the last two of six Palestinians prisoners who tunneled out of a maximum security Israeli jail nearly two weeks ago.

**Yemen** – [Yemen's Houthis execute nine men for involvement in Samad death](#) Yemen's Houthi movement said that authorities had executed nine men who were convicted of involvement in the 2018 killing of Saleh al-Samad.



## INTERNATIONAL

**Monday**  
13 September 2021

**Afghanistan** – [First foreign commercial flight since Taliban takeover lands in Kabul](#) An international commercial flight touched down the Afghan capital, the first since the Taliban retook power last month.

**Tuesday**  
14 September 2021

**Greece** – [Greece offers power bill subsidies to help households with rising energy cost](#) Athens will offer subsidies to the majority of Greek households by the end of the year to make energy costs more affordable amid rising gas prices.

**Wednesday**  
15 September  
2021

**Afghanistan** – [New Taliban government begins work as protests grow](#) New Taliban government work began work with established hardliners in all key posts and no women.

**France** – [Paris attacks suspect says he's an "Islamic State Soldier"](#) Paris 2015 attacks suspect describes himself as an "Islamic State soldier"

**Thursday**  
16 September  
2021

**France** – [France to hunt IS chiefs](#) French military forces have killed the leader of a West African affiliate of Islamic State by drone strike in a decisive blow against the group and vowed to continue hunting down jihadist leaders to restore stability in the Sahel.

**Turkey** – [Hundreds in Turkey protest \\$700 mln unpaid medical equipment bills](#) Turkish medical producers protested over unpaid bills worth hundreds of millions of dollars for equipment supplied to state and university hospitals.

**Friday**  
17 September  
2021

**Ethiopia** – [U.S. paves way for more sanctions over Ethiopia's Tigray's conflict](#) The U.S. paved the way for further sanctions to be imposed on parties to the conflict in northern Ethiopia, where thousands have been killed and millions are in need of humanitarian assistance.

**Saturday and  
Sunday**  
18, 19 September  
2021

**Afghanistan** – [U.S. says Kabul drone strike killed 10 civilians, including children, in 'tragic mistake'](#) A drone strike in Kabul killed as many as ten civilians, including seven children, the U.S. military said apologizing for what it called a tragic mistake.

**Iran** – [Amnesty condemns impunity over Iran custody death](#) Amnesty International has condemned the "climate of impunity" that prevails in Iran over death in custody despite reports of more than 70 such cases over the past decade.