



## 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 30 August 2021

**Lebanon** – <u>Accidental blast kills 4 in Beirut suburb</u> The explosion happened in Burj al-Barajneh while workers were wielding a tank in a shop..

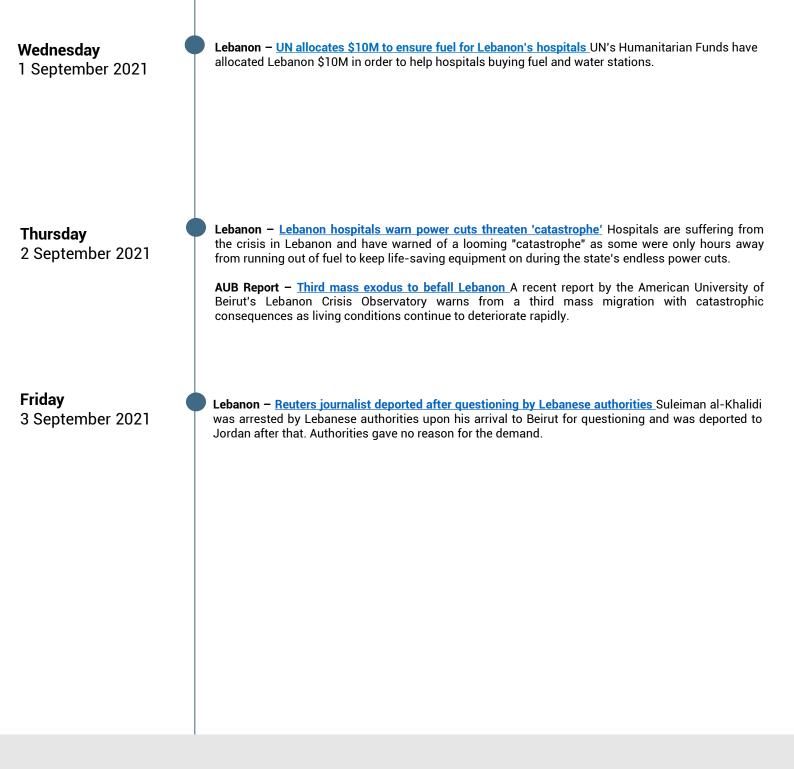
**Lebanon** – <u>Fuel dispute triggers sectarian clashes in Southern Lebanon</u> A dispute over scarce fuel supplies led to sectarian tensions and clashes between the neighborhoods of Maghdouche et Ankoun, forcing the army to intervene.

Lebanon – <u>UN Security Council renews mandate of UNIFIL</u> The United Nations Security Council Monday voted unanimously to renew the mandate of UN peacekeepers in south Lebanon for another year

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Lebanon – <u>Economic crisis pulls children out of private schools</u> As the crisis deepens, the education sector is collapsing. "New Poor" students can no longer afford private education pushing them to cheaper institutions.

**Lebanon** <u>–</u> <u>Warn of halt due to fuel shortage</u> Lebanon's financial meltdown has translated into crippling fuel shortages that have paralyzed many aspects of daily life.





**Monday** 30 August 2021 **Syria** - **Drying Euphrates threatens disaster in Syria** Aid groups and engineers are warning of a looming humanitarian disaster in northeast Syria, where waning river flow is compounding woes after a decade of war.

**Occupied Palestine** – <u>Israeli sniper dies after being wounded in Gaza border clashes</u> An Israeli special forces sniper shot during clashes with Palestinians along the border with the Gaza Strip nine days ago has died of his wounds

**Yemen –** <u>War victims seek ICC probe into alleged war crimes</u> London-based lawyer representing victims of Yemen's ongoing conflict called for an International Criminal Court investigation into alleged war crimes by pro-government forces.

**Syria** – <u>**Rebels kill four soldiers in Daraa**</u> Four Syrian soldiers were killed when the opposition fighters attacked army checkpoint in the southern province of Daraa.

**Tuesday** 31 August 2021

Saudi Arabia – <u>Drone attack on Saudi airport wounds 8</u> At least eight people were wounded in Houthi drone strikes on Saudi Arabia's Abha airport, also damaging a civilian airplane.

Syria – Syrian army steps up offensive on rebel redoubt in southwest city Syrian Elite Forces stepped on an offensive against a rebel enclave in a southwest pocket bordering Jordan and Israel.

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West Bank – <u>Israeli troops shoot dead Palestinian in West Bank</u> A Palestinian man was shot and killed by Israeli troops in the occupied West Bank overnight.

**Yemen – <u>Three explosive drones destroyed over Yemen</u> The Saudi-led coalition had intercepted and destroyed three explosive-laden drones in Yemeni airspace, fired by Houthis. According to Al-Arabiya, the drones were aimed at civilian targets.** 

**Yemen – <u>HRW warns: Yemeni workers in KSA at risk of forced return</u> HRW called Saudi Arabia to stop laying off Yemeni employees warning that this would force them to return to the humanitarian crisis in the war-torn country.** 

Syria – <u>Truce in Dara'a after weeks of fighting</u> A Russian-brokered ceasefire came into force in the province of Dara'a where government forces have been battling rebels.

**Yemen –** <u>Sixty-five dead as fighting for Yemen's Marib flares anew</u> Combatants killed in fighting after Huthi's rebels renewed an offensive on Marib.

**UAE** – <u>Hundreds detained, deported from Abu Dhabi</u> Stigmatization and racism highlighted in Abu Dhabi against migrant workers as about a hundred were arrested with excessive force and detained.

**Friday** 3 September 2021

Syria – Israeli strikes target pro-Iran groups in Syria Israel carries out air strikes near Damascus causing no casualties

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**Saudi Arabia** – <u>Saudi-led coalition destroys explosive-laden drones</u> The Saudi-led coalition said it has intercepted an explosive-laden drone launched by Houthis towards the city of Khamis Mushait.

**Saudi Arabia** – <u>Saudis intercept Houthi missile and drones aimed at oil region</u> Saudi Arabia intercepted a ballistic missile and armed drones fired at its oil-rich Eastern Region by Yemen's Houthi group on Saturday.

**Egypt** – <u>Bus crash kills 12 near Suez</u> Twelve people were killed on an Egyptian highway when their bus overturned on their return from Sharm-el-Sheikh</u>

**Iraq** – <u>IS attack kills 13 Iraqi police</u> Thirteen Iraqi policemen were killed in an Islamic State group attack against a checkpoint in North Iraq

Monday 30 September 2021 **Afghanistan** – <u>Rockets target US troops as core diplomats fly out of Kabul</u> U.S. anti-missile defenses intercepted rockets fired at Kabul's airport on Monday as the United States flew its core diplomats out of Afghanistan in the final hours of its withdrawal.

**Afghanistan** – <u>U.S. drone strike kills civilians in Kabul</u> A U.S. drone strike targeting a suspected suicide bomber in Kabul resulted in civilian causalities and condemned the United States for failing to inform the Taliban before ordering the strike.

**Afghanistan** – <u>**"Far Greater Humanitarian Crisis " looms in Afghanistan, warns the UNHCR</u> The UN Refugee Agency UNHCR warns the very beginning of a humanitarian crisis for 39 million people.</u>** 

Haiti – <u>Haiti's hunger crisis bites deeper after devastating quake</u> The earthquake that happened in Haiti last month has exacerbated the crisis destroying crops and livestock, leveling markets, contaminating waterways used as sources of drinking water, and damaging bridges and roads crucial to reaching villages.

**Tuesday** 31 September 2021

**Bangladesh** – <u>Six islamists sentenced over killing of gay activists</u> Five years later, six members of an islamist militant group in Bangladesh were sentenced to death by a court in the country for the brutal killing of two gay rights campaigners.

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**Afghanistan** – <u>Kabul airport closed: fearful Afghans rush for the Kabul's airport being inoperable,</u> Afghans fearful of Taliban reprisals arrange safe passage across the borders with Iran, Pakistan and central Asian countries.

**Thursday** 2 September 2021

**Portugal –** <u>Iraqi refugees in Portugal held on alleged IS link</u> Two Iraqis who came to Portugal as refugees were arrested in Lisbon on suspicion they were part of the Islamic State extremist group.

**Afghanistan** – <u>Heavy casualties in fighting over Panjshir</u> Following the fall of Kabul on August 15, several thousand fighters from local militias and the remnants of army and special forces unit have massed in Panjshir.

**Friday** 3 September 2021

Afghanistan – <u>UN says flow of Afghans crossing into Pakistan remains small</u> Afghanis have not been fleeing in large numbers across the borders to Pakistan and Iran in the wake of the Taliban takeover on August 15. Some have crossed over indicating they intend to claim asylum, said the U.N refugee agency

## Saturday and Sunday 4, 5 September 2021

**Guinea** – <u>Army putschists claim coup in Guinea</u> Army putschists arrested the president and staged a coup in Conakry

**United Nations** – <u>UN to convene Afghanistan aid conference on September 13</u> The United Nations will be holding an international aid conference for Afghanistan on September 13 alerting a looming humanitarian crisis

**Afghanistan** – <u>Taliban claim total control of Afghanistan</u> The Taliban claimed total control over Afghanistan as they had "won" the key battle for the Panjshir Valley