



► 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
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Lebanon – [Blast judge postpones Diab questioning to Oct. 4](#) Judge Tarek Bitar postponed a questioning session of former Prime Minister Hassan Diab to October 4.

Lebanon – [Lebanon's new government wins Parliament's confidence, says IMF talks have begun](#) Lebanon's new government won the support of a big majority from Parliament after debating its policy statement and granted confidence vote to a cabinet of 24 specialists.

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Lebanon – [Blast judge summons three MPs for questioning](#) Judge Tarek Bitar has summoned three MPs (Nohad al-Machnouk, Ali Hassan Khalil, and Ghazi Zeaiter) for questioning over the Beirut blast.

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Lebanon – [Gasoline prices rise again virtually ending subsidies](#) Lebanon's energy ministry raised gasoline prices for the second time in less than a week, effectively ending its fuel subsidy,

Lebanon - [Lebanese ex-minister files complaint to remove Beirut blast judge](#) The lawyers of a Lebanese former minister have filed a legal request to remove the judge looking into the Beirut port blast investigation over "legitimate suspicion".

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Nabatieh – [Boy, 8, killed by unexploded Israeli cluster bomb in south Lebanon](#) A Syrian boy was playing with his brother when a cluster bomb exploded in Nabatieh, Southern Lebanon.

Lebanon – [UN to deliver emergency fuel to critical health, water facilities in Lebanon](#) Under a new plan, the United Nations will be delivering fuel to health care and water facilities in Lebanon for three months.

Lebanon - [Lebanon at risk of complete blackout by end-Sept, state power firm says](#) Lebanon's state electricity company said on Thursday it risked a total blackout across the country by end-September as its fuel oil reserves dwindle.

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Lebanon - [Lebanon president tells U.N. big challenges await government, help needed](#) Lebanon's President Michel Aoun told the United Nations General Assembly on Friday that big challenges awaited his country's new government and asked the international community for funding to revive its crisis-stricken economy.

Lebanon - [Lebanon registers 580 new COVID-19 cases, nine deaths in last 24 hours](#) Lebanon registered 580 new coronavirus cases and nine deaths in the past 24 hours, the Health Ministry reported Saturday.

Saturday and Sunday
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Lebanon - [Macron urges Mikati to undertake 'urgent' reforms](#) French President Emmanuel Macron on Friday urged the new Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati to undertake "urgent" reforms to help his crisis-wracked country, as the two men met for the first time in Paris.



REGIONAL Middle East

Monday
20 September 2021

Sudan – [Protesters against Sudan peace deal block roads, close key port](#) Dozens of demonstrators in Sudan have blocked key roads and a crucial port in the country's east in protest at parts of a peace deal with rebel groups.

Yemen – [EU joins outcry over execution of nine men by Yemen's Houthis](#) The European Union joined a chorus of international criticism over the execution of nine men by the Houthi movement.

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Iran - [Iran says nuclear talks with world powers to resume in few weeks](#) Iran said on Tuesday that talks with world powers over reviving its 2015 nuclear deal would resume in a few weeks, the official Iranian news agency IRNA reported.

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Libya – [Libya's Haftar says suspends military role ahead of polls](#) Libya's Khalifa Haftar said he was suspending his military activities, a step which could lead to his candidacy elections later this year.

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Yemen – [Yemen's Houthis near Marib city, eyeing Yemen gas and oil fields](#) Houthi military forces are intensifying their push towards the central Yemeni city of Marib which is held by the Saudi-backed government and are stepping up fighting in the south.

Occupied Territories – [US House approves \\$1 billion for Israel's Iron Dome](#) US lawmakers green-lit \$1 billion to resupply Israel's Iron Dome missile defense system after funding was controversially stripped from a separate bill following a revolt from the Democrat's left flank.

Tunisia - [Opposition to Tunisian president's power seizure deepens](#) Four Tunisian parties said on Thursday that President Kais Saied had lost his legitimacy and called for an end to what they called a coup after he took control of legislative and executive powers, raising the prospect of a drawn-out confrontation over his intervention.

Occupied Territories – [Palestinian killed by Israel troops in West Bank: ministry](#) A Palestinian was shot dead by Israeli troops when clashes broke out on the sidelines of a demonstration in the occupied West Bank.

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24 September 2021

UN – Syria – [New Syria war death toll says 350,000 is an "undercount"](#) According to the United Nations Human Rights Office, at least 350,209 people have been killed in the decade-old war in Syria.

Yemen – [Over 140 killed in clashes for Yemen's Marib: military sources: military sources](#) More than 140 rebels and pro-government troops have been killed this week as fighting intensifies for Yemen's city of Marib.

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Sunday**
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September 2021

Sudan – [Protestors block crucial oil pipelines: oil minister](#) Protesters blocked two key oil pipelines in Port Sudan over a peace deal with rebel groups.

Somali – [Suicide car bomb in Somalia capital kills at least 8](#) A suicide car bomb killed seven people in the Somali capital on Saturday.

Gaza - [Gaza to begin rebuilding homes destroyed in May conflict](#) The reconstruction of homes in Gaza that were destroyed or damaged in the May conflict between Israel and Hamas will begin in the first week of October using aid from Qatar, a senior Palestinian housing official said on Sunday.



INTERNATIONAL

Monday
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Rwanda – [Rwanda court finds "Hotel Rwanda" hero guilty of terrorism](#) Paul Rusesabagina, a critic of President Kagame and one-time hotel manager portrayed as a hero in a Hollywood film about the 1994 genocide was sentenced to 25 years in prison.

France – [Macron apologizes for French treatment of Algerian Harki fighters](#) French President Emmanuel Macron asked forgiveness on behalf of his country for abandoning Algerians who fought alongside France in their country's war of independence.

Afghanistan – [Afghan women outraged by new Taliban restrictions on work](#) The Taliban's effective ban on women working sank in sparking rage over the dramatic loss of rights after millions of female teachers and girls were barred from secondary school education.

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Germany – [Shock in Germany after cashier shot dead in mask row](#) Germany reacted with shock and outrage after a twenty-year-old petrol station worker was shot dead by a customer angry about being asked to put on a mask while buying beer.

Afghanistan – [Taliban say working on reopening girls' high schools](#) The Taliban administration says it's working towards reopening high school education for girls.

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Ukraine – [Gunmen target Ukraine president aide in assassination attempt](#) Gunmen opened fire with automatic weapons on a car carrying a senior aide to Ukraine President Zelensky attempting to assassinate him in response to his crackdown on oligarchs.

World - [WHO warns pollution kills as it tightens air quality guidelines](#) The World Health Organization (WHO) has tightened its air quality guidelines for the first time since 2005, warning that air pollution is one of the biggest environmental threats to human health, causing seven million premature deaths a year.

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UK - [UK to offer 10,500 post-Brexit visas to counter growing worker crisis](#) Britain will issue up to 10,500 temporary work visas to lorry drivers and poultry workers to ease chronic staff shortages, the government announced Saturday, in a U-turn on post-Brexit immigration policy.

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World - [Phones of five French ministers infected by Pegasus malware: report](#) The mobile phones of at least five French ministers and a diplomatic advisor to President Emmanuel Macron were infected by the Israeli-made Pegasus spyware, sources told AFP on Friday, confirming a report by the Mediapart investigative website.

**Saturday and
Sunday**
25, 26 September
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World - [World 'better place' 25 years after nuclear test-ban treaty](#) Twenty-five years after its adoption, the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty has made the world a safer place, experts say, despite never being ratified and concerns over North Korea.

Russia – [Russia raids kill 11 pro-Turkish fighters in Syria: monitor](#) At least 11 fighters from a pro-Turkish group were killed on Sunday in Russian air raids in northern Syria.