



HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

11 - 17 DECEMBER, 2023



Human Rights are inherent to all human beings, regardless of the nationality, place of residence, sex, national or ethnic origin, color, religion, language or any other status without discrimination. These rights are all universal, inalienable, interrelated, interdependent and indivisible.

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LEBANON

Monday

11 December 2023

All public administrations, institutions, and municipalities closed on Monday, December 11, 2023, in response to the global call for Gaza and in solidarity with the Palestinian people, people in Gaza and in the Lebanese border villages

Prime Minister Najib Mikati announced, in accordance with memorandum No. 26/2023, the closure of all public administrations, public institutions and municipalities on Monday, 12-11-2023, in response to the global call for Gaza and “in solidarity with the Palestinian people and with our people in Gaza and in the Lebanese border villages.”

Mayor of the town “Taybeh” in southern Lebanon was martyred in an Israeli raid

The mayor of Al-Taybeh town, Hussein Mansour (80 years old), was martyred during the Israeli targeting of the Baidar Al-Faqaani area in the town of Al-Taybeh. The shell that targeted Al-Mukhtar's house did not explode, but hit him directly.

Tuesday

12 December 2023

An unexploded missile at Yater Public School

A representative of the National News Agency reported that a missile had fallen in Yater Public School, hitting the school principal's car minutes after she got out of it. The missile did not explode, and the damage was limited to material things.

Wednesday

13 December 2023

Lebanon Judges Association releases a statement calling for the legislation of a law which guarantees the independence of the judiciary

The Lebanese Judges Association stressed in a statement, “Before the House of Representatives meets tomorrow, there is an urgent necessity to approve a law that guarantees actual independence without impurities such as those that the club previously refuted, especially with regard to the formation of the Supreme Judicial Council.”

UNICEF report: Children hit ever harder by Lebanon's unrelenting crisis

The impact of Lebanon's unrelenting, overlapping crises continues to worsen, increasingly robbing children of their education and forcing many into child labour, as parents struggle with ever-diminishing resources. According to a survey conducted by UNICEF in November 2023, skyrocketing prices and widespread poverty are continuing to force families to resort to desperate measures just to afford one meal per day and basic shelter.

Thursday
14 December 2023

Approval of the draft law for the conclusion of a loan agreement between the government and the World Bank to implement additional financing for the social safety net project

Lebanese Parliament convened on 14th December 2023, headed by Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Elias Bou Saab and in the presence of a number of representatives. The General Assembly of the Lebanese parliament approved the expedited draft law signaling its approval to conclude a loan agreement between the Republic of Lebanon and the World Bank to implement additional financing of the Social Safety Network Emergency Crisis project. The joint committees of parliament approved giving an advance of \$300 million from the World Bank to fund the "security card" project as well as an advance for retired public schools professors.

Friday
15 December 2023

Parliament approves an extension of the Army Commander's term for one year and ratifies a number of law proposals

The legislative session of the House of Representatives convened on the 15th of December, headed by Speaker Nabih Berri and in the presence of Prime Minister Najib Mikati, ministers, and representatives. The "National Moderation Bloc" proposed a law extending the term of the army commander and security service commanders who hold the rank of major general or general and are still in their positions. The attribute of urgency was presented and ratified, and the law was passed by parliament.

Saturday and Sunday
16 and 17 December
2023

Lebanon army announces rescuing 51 people from sinking migrant boat

The Army Command - Directorate of Orientation issued the following statement:

On 12/17/2023, when information became available about a boat sinking off the coast of Tripoli while it was being used to smuggle people illegally, an army naval patrol was able to rescue 51 people on board, including two Palestinians and 49 Syrians. The Lebanese Red Cross helped provide assistance to those rescued, according to the statement, which did not specify where the boat was headed.



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