

HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

29 April - 5 May 2024



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
29 April 2024

Israeli army shells outskirts of Naqoura, Alma as-Shaab

The outskirts of the southern border towns of Alma as-Shaab and Naqoura have been targeted by intermittent Israeli enemy artillery shelling at dawn, according to a news report released by the National News Agency on April 29, 2024. The Israeli army also threw flash bombs, and struck the towns of Tayr Harda, Marwahine, Naqoura, and Jabal Blat, which caused massive damages to properties, crops, houses, and infrastructures. At midnight, an airstrike hit Aita al-Shaab, causing material damages. Meanwhile, Israeli reconnaissance planes flew over the towns adjacent to the Blue Line. The Israeli army's heavy machine-guns also targeted fishing boats in Naqoura port.

Tuesday
30 April 2024

UNICEF: Children in Lebanon pay heavy price amid intensifying conflict in the south and compounding national crises

Ongoing hostilities in southern Lebanon are taking a devastating toll on the population, forcing approximately over 90,000 people – including 30,000 children – from their homes. According to the latest report from the Ministry of Public Health, 8 children are among the 344 people killed and 75 children among the 1359 people injured since the escalation of the hostilities in October 2023. The increase in armed conflict has damaged civilian infrastructure and facilities and has also impacted the essential services that children and families depend on, including significant damage to nine water stations, which serve a population of 100,000 people. More than 70 schools are currently closed, affecting around 20,000 students and significantly affecting their education. Around 23 healthcare facilities - serving 4,000 people - are closed due to the hostilities, according to a report released by UNICEF on April 30, 2024.

Wednesday
2 May 2024

EU announces 1 billion euros in aid for Lebanon amid a surge in irregular migration

The European Union announced Thursday an aid package for Lebanon of 1 billion euros – about \$1.06 billion – much of which will go to boost border control to halt the flow of asylum seekers and migrants from the small, crisis-wracked country across the Mediterranean Sea to Cyprus and Italy, according to a news [report](#) released on May 2, 2024, by Associated Press. The [deal](#) follows [other EU aid packages for countries](#) such as Egypt, Tunisia and Mauritania to fortify their borders. It comes against a backdrop of increasing hostility toward Syrian refugees in Lebanon and a major surge in irregular migration of Syrian refugees from Lebanon to Cyprus.

Friday
3 May 2024

UN Secretary-General António Guterres' message for World Press Freedom Day

On May 3, 2024 the UN Secretary-General António Guterres' relayed the following message for World Press Freedom Day, according to a news report by UN media center: "The world is going through an unprecedented environmental emergency which poses an existential threat to this and future generations. People need to know about this – and journalists and media workers have a key role in informing and educating them. Local, national and global media outlets can highlight stories about the climate crisis, biodiversity loss and environmental injustice. Through their work, people come to understand the plight of our planet and are mobilized and empowered to take action for change. Media workers also document environmental degradation. And they provide evidence of environmental vandalism that helps to hold those responsible to account. It is no surprise that some powerful people, companies and institutions will stop at nothing to prevent environmental journalists from doing their jobs. Media freedom is under siege. And environmental journalism is an increasingly dangerous profession. Dozens of journalists covering illegal mining, logging, poaching and other environmental issues have been killed in recent decades. In the vast majority of cases, no one has been held to account. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) reports that in the past 15 years, there have been some 750 attacks on journalists and news outlets reporting on environmental issues. And the frequency of such attacks is rising."

Saturday and Sunday
4 and 5 May 2024

Three killed, several wounded, massive destruction in the raid on Mays al-Jabal

The National News Agency reported on May 5, 2024, that while a number of the Mays al-Jabal town's residents were inspecting their homes and shops and the damage they had sustained as a result of the continuous attacks on the town for 7 months, Israeli warplanes raided Mays al-Jabal today targeting the al-Jaafra neighborhood near al-Baraka, causing the death of 3 individuals so far and several wounded civilians and massive destruction. Ambulance and rescue teams worked to evacuate them to area hospitals, while civil defense teams continued their work in searching and removing rubble to find missing people.

REPORTING A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO CLDH

If you wish to report an incident that may potentially constitute a violation of human rights, kindly send an email to the following address: [**violations@cldh-lebanon.org**](mailto:violations@cldh-lebanon.org)

You can also report an incident anonymously through our [**website**](#).

When making a report, please ensure to include the following information:

- **WHERE:** City/village, governorate, additional details (e.g. what prison)
- **WHAT:** Nature of the violation
- **HOW:** A narrative description of what happened
- **WHEN:** Date of the episode (at least the year, if day and month are unknown)
- **TO WHOM:** Information regarding the victim (name, nationality, gender, date of birth, city of origin, phone number). Only share this information with the consent of the person.
- **WHO** is the person reporting (name, phone number) and how were they identified (e.g., victim him/herself, family member, eyewitness, journalist, humanitarian worker...)

The information referred will remain completely private. It will be fact-checked and registered into CLDH's internal system. No action will be undertaken without the explicit and written consent of the reporter.



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