

HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK 7 October- 13 October 2024



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LEBANON

Monday 7 October 2024

Ministry of Public Health: 2,083 killed and 9,869 injured since the beginning of the Israeli aggression

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center of the Ministry of Public Health issued a statement on X on October 7, 2024, announcing that yesterday's Israeli raids on towns and villages in southern Lebanon, Nabatieh, Bekaa, Baalbek-Hermel, and Mount Lebanon resulted in a total death toll of twenty-two people and the injury of one hundred and eleven. This brings the total number of those killed since the beginning of the aggression to 2,083, and the number of wounded to 9,869.

Ministry of Public Health: Massacre and War Crime in Baraashit, Ten Firefighters killed

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center of the Ministry of Public Health issued the following statement:

The Israeli army adds another crime to its extensive record of persistent crimes—a war crime against firefighters and paramedics in southern Lebanon, demonstrating unparalleled violence and inhumanity by targeting individuals engaged in purely humanitarian and rescue missions, far removed from combat fields. A barbaric attack on the building of the Union of Municipalities of Bint Jbeil in the town of Barashit resulted in a massacre of firefighters who were present in the building, preparing to embark on their rescue missions. The initial toll of the attack resulted in the martyrdom of ten firefighters, and efforts to remove the rubble from the severely damaged building are still ongoing.

Human Rights Watch: Israeli Strikes Impede Fleeing Civilians, Aid

(Beirut) – Israeli airstrikes on the main border crossing between Lebanon and Syria on October 4, 2024, are impeding civilians trying to flee and disrupting humanitarian operations, Human Rights Watch said in a news report released on October 7, 2024. The situation places civilians at grave risk.

Drone video shows destruction in southern Lebanon after Israeli airstrikes

Israel has escalated its war against Lebanon, most recently announcing an expansion of its ground operation into the country's southwestern area. Drone footage geolocated by CNN shows the level of devastation in the village of Yaroun after Israeli airstrikes, according to a news report released on October 8, 2024.

Tuesday 8 October 2024

Syria receives 250,000 refugees fleeing Lebanon

"Families I spoke with had run for their lives and have no idea what tomorrow may bring after an exhausting, dangerous journey to the border. They arrive with few means and in need of urgent relief," UNHCR chief Mr. Grandi <u>said</u>, visiting the Jdeidet Yabous border crossing, according to a news report by UN News. The exodus comes as the conflict between Israel and Lebanon escalates, forcing Lebanese refugees to seek safety across the border.

Israeli massacre in the town of al-Khodr in Baalbek

The Israeli air force committed a massacre in the town of al-Khodr, in the Baalbek-Hermel governorate, targeting two residential buildings, one of which was inhabited by civilian families, according to a news report released by Annahar on October 8, 2024. According to initial reports, six killed individuals have been recovered so far, and a family of 18 individuals, mostly women and children, remains trapped under the rubble, while rescue operations are ongoing.

5 killed, 12 wounded and body parts in Israeli raid on Al-Wardaniya

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center of the Ministry of Public Health issued a statement on X on October 9, 2024, announcing that the Israeli raid on the town of Wardaniyeh resulted in an updated toll of five deaths and 12 injuries, in addition to body parts whose owners are being identified by conducting DNA tests.

Man assaults the crew of the Italian TG3 channel in Jiyyeh

On Tuesday, October 8, 2024, the crew of the Italian TG3 channel, which included reporter Lucia Goracci and cameraman Marco Niccolò, was attacked by a young man who attempted to smash the camera and threw a stone at them. Meanwhile, driver Ahmed Aqil Hamze, who was accompanying them, died of a heart attack while they were covering the site of the Israeli bombardment in the Jiyyeh area.

Arrest of two Syrians on suspicion of collaborating with the Israel

The Lebanese Army Command – Directorate of Orientation issued the following statement on October 9, 2024: As a result of monitoring and tracking espionage networks and collaborators with Israel, a patrol from the Intelligence Directorate arrested the Syrians (M.A.) and (B.AA.) for photographing various locations and points, as well as documenting the effects of hostile airstrikes and following up on search and rescue operations to recover bodies and verify results. It was found that they had been recruited through social media. The investigation was initiated with the arrestees under the supervision of the competent judicial authorities.

Anti-Racism Movement: Lebanon's national emergency plan ignores the presence of migrants and refugees

In a post released on October 9, 2024, Anti-racism movement stated the following: "While Lebanon's national emergency plan ignores the presence of migrants and refugees, families and individuals have been left without any protection. The shelters are closed, the streets are unsafe, and the government is not providing any support. On the contrary, they are making the situation worse, claiming to prioritize Lebanese over non-Lebanese. This blatant racism and discrimination, unfortunately, is not strange to us. We have seen the same policies before during the COVID-19 pandemic and in the wake of the Beirut explosion. There is no place for racism during crises and emergencies. We demand that migrants and refugees be included in any relief plans, whether governmental or from international organizations."

Wednesday 9 October 2024 Migrant workers hired by Lebanese families left abandoned, homeless and without passports amid Israel's attacks

Amid Israel's war in Lebanon, migrant and domestic workers – already marginalized by the oppressive Kafala system and racism – are now facing even greater peril. Thousands have reportedly been abandoned by the families they served, who themselves have fled the war-torn areas but left their hired workers behind, according to a news report by The New Arab released on October 9, 2024. Many are now struggling to find transportation to escape the conflict zones and do not have access to their personal belongings, including passports and vital documents, or even a phone to connect with others from their communities.

Civil Defense mourns five members

The General Directorate of Civil Defense released a statement on X on October 10, 2024, in which it mourned five members; the operational employees Abdullah Muhammad Hassan Al-Moussawi, Hassan Nimr Issa, Bassam Muhammad Hassan Al-Moussawi, Joseph Grace Al-Badawi, and Ali Samir Najdi, from the Tyre Regional Center, who were killed on 09-10-2024 during their presence inside the Civil Defense Center in the town of Dardaghya following an Israeli airstrike targeting the center.

22 killed and 117 wounded in Israeli attacks on the capital Beirut

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center issued a statement on X announcing that the Israeli attacks on the capital Beirut on October 10, 2024, resulted in a new toll of twenty-two people killed and one hundred and seventeen injured.

<u>Videos circulating from various Lebanese areas, show young men accused of theft bound to poles, some with signs reading "harame" (thief)</u>

<u>Videos</u> have been circulating from various Lebanese areas since Wednesday, showing young men accused of theft bound to poles, some with signs reading "harame" (thief), violating their rights as humans, according to a news report released by Megaphone News on October 10, 2024.

UNIFIL: Nagoura headquarters and nearby positions have been repeatedly hit

In a statement released on October 10, 2024, UNIFIL stated the following: "On October 10, 2024, two peacekeepers were injured after an IDF Merkava tank fired its weapon toward an observation tower at UNIFIL's headquarters in Naqoura, directly hitting it and causing them to fall. The injuries are fortunately, this time, not serious, but they remain in hospital. IDF soldiers also fired on UN position (UNP) 1-31 in Labbouneh, hitting the entrance to the bunker where peacekeepers were sheltering, and damaging vehicles and a communications system. An IDF drone was observed flying inside the UN position up to the bunker entrance. On October 9, 2024, IDF soldiers deliberately fired at and disabled the position's perimeter-monitoring cameras. They also deliberately fired on UNP 1-32A in Ras Naqoura, where regular Tripartite meetings were held before the conflict began, damaging lighting and a relay station."

Thursday 10 October 2024

Friday 11 October 2024

Saturday and Sunday 12 and 13 October 2024

Human Rights Watch: UN Inquiry Needed on Israeli Attacks on Peacekeepers

The Israeli military has carried out repeated attacks harming United Nations peacekeeping operations in southwestern Lebanon in apparent violation of the laws of war, Human Rights Watch said on October 11,2024 in a press release. Israeli forces should cease unlawful attacks and allow the UN mission to fulfill its civilian protection and humanitarian duties as mandated by the UN Security Council.

In a public statement, the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) said that on October 10, 2024, an Israeli tank fired upon and hit an observation tower at UNIFIL headquarters, injuring two peacekeepers. UNIFIL also said that on October 9, Israeli forces deliberately fired on and disabled the headquarters' monitoring cameras. Under the laws of war, UN personnel involved in peacekeeping operations, including armed members, are civilians, and deliberate attacks against them and peacekeeping facilities are unlawful and amount to war crimes.

Five killed and five wounded in Israeli raids on Baalbek-Hermel

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center issued a statement on X a announcing that the Israeli raids on Baalbek-Hermel on October 11, 2024, led to the following detailed toll:

Kafr Dan: 1 killed and 3 wounded Al-Kayyal: Two wounded Boudai: 4 killed.

Moph: 2306 killed and 10698 wounded since the beginning of the aggression

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center of the Ministry of Public Health issued a statement announcing that the Israeli enemy raids on October 12, 2024, resulted in the following detailed result:

- South Lebanon: 14 killed and 63 wounded
- Nabatieh: 10 killed and 50 wounded
- Bekaa: 3 killed and 11 wounded
- -Baalbek-Hermel: 13 wounded
- -Mount Lebanon: 22 killed and 33 wounded
- North: 2 killed and 4 wounded

Which leads to the following total for October 12, 2024: 51 killed and 174 wounded.

Therefore, the total number of those killed since the beginning of the aggression until October 12 has risen to 2,306, and the number of wounded to 10,698.

Photographer Hussein Safa killed in an Israeli airstrike on Maifdoun

Photographer Hussein Safa, from the news site 'Hawana Lebanon,' was killed on Friday, October 11, 2024, in the air strike that targeted the town of Maifdoun in the Nabatiyeh Governorate in southern Lebanon, according to a news report by Samir Kassir Eyes.

Lebanese Army: Rescue of 99 people while attempting to leave Lebanon by sea

The following statement was issued by the Army Command - Directorate of Guidance: On 11/10/2024, a patrol from the Navy of the Army was able to rescue 98 Syrians and one Lebanese while they were attempting to leave Lebanon aboard two boats heading toward the Cypriot islands, after the boats began to sink.

Israeli attacks destroy Ottoman-era market in Lebanon

Israeli air raids have destroyed an Ottoman-era market in the southern city of Nabatieh overnight, killing at least one person and wounding four. Lebanon's Civil Defense officials on October 13, 2024, said they battled fires in 12 residential buildings and 40 shops in the market, which dates back to 1910 according to a news report by Al Jazeera.

UNIFIL: two IDF Merkava tanks destroyed the position's main gate and forcibly entered the position

On October 13, 2024, UNIFIL released the following statement:

"Early this morning, peacekeepers at a UN position in Ramyah observed three platoons of IDF soldiers crossing the Blue Line into Lebanon. At around 4:30 a.m., while peacekeepers were in shelters, two IDF Merkava tanks destroyed the position's main gate and forcibly entered the position. They requested multiple times that the base turn out its lights. The tanks left about 45 minutes later after UNIFIL protested through our liaison mechanism, saying that IDF presence was putting peacekeepers in danger. At around 6:40 a.m., peacekeepers at the same position reported the firing of several rounds 100 metres north, which emitted smoke. Despite putting on protective masks, fifteen peacekeepers suffered effects, including skin irritation and gastrointestinal reactions, after the smoke entered the camp. The peacekeepers are receiving treatment. In addition, yesterday, IDF soldiers stopped a critical UNIFIL logistical movement near Meiss ej Jebel, denying it passage. The critical movement could not be completed.

Mapping one year of cross-border attacks between Israel and Lebanon

According to the Armed Conflict Location and Event Data (ACLED), at least 12,054 attacks were <u>exchanged</u> between Israel and Hezbollah and other armed groups in Lebanon from October 7, 2023 to October 4, 2024. About 82 percent of these attacks – 9,891 – were carried out by Israel, which killed at least 1,562 people in Lebanon. Hezbollah and other armed groups were responsible for 2,163 attacks that killed at least 33 Israelis, according to a news report by AI Jazeera released on October 13, 2024. Israel has attacked these locations in southern Lebanon the most:

- Aita al-Shaab 423 attacks
- Kfar Kila 325 attacks
- Naqoura 321 attacks
- Hula 303 attacks
- Khiam 269 attacks

Groups from Lebanon attacked these locations in northern Israel the most:

- Kiryat Shmona 177 attacks
- Metula 116 attacks
- Margaliot 104 attacks
- Al-Manara 95 attacks
- Shtula 84 attacks

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**

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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