

HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

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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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Monday 22 July 2024

Tuesday 23 July 2024 Israeli Army targets home in Chihine, casualties reported

Israeli army aircraft on July 22, 2024, launched an attack on the southern Lebanese town of Chihine in Tyre district, targeting a home, according to a news report by the National News Agency. Following the strike which left a number of casualties, ambulances were dispatched to the area.

General Directorate of State Security evacuates 50 refugees from Qalamoun State Security patrols in northern Lebanon on July 23, 2024, evacuated 50 refugees from the town of Qalamoun, according to a statement issued on its Facebook page. This action followed prior warnings to said individuals.

<u>Public Works Studio: The municipality of Sin el-Fil's administrative decision</u> prohibits Syrian children from their right to education

On June 25, 2024, the municipality of Sin el-Fil issued a <u>circular</u> specifying measures related to the presence of Syrian refugees within its jurisdiction, according to a news report published by Public Works Studio on July 23, 2024. Among these measures is a request to all public and private schools in the Sin el-Fil area not to enroll students who do not hold valid residency permits in their schools, in order to "preserve the rights of Lebanese citizens"

Ministry of Public Health: Cumulative Report on Health Emergencies

The Ministry of Public Health has published, following the Israeli aggression on Lebanon, the cumulative report on health emergencies for July 23, 2024, which recorded 2,016 injuries, including 490 deaths.

Wednesday 24 July 2024

General Directorate of State Security: Evacuation of Abrein, Bsirri, and Zgharta from Syrian refugees

The General Directorate of State Security announced in a statement on 24 July, 2024, that, "As part of its follow-up on the issue of Syrian refugees, State Security patrols in the north evacuated the town of Abrein in the Batroun District, the town of Bsirri in the Koura District, and the city of Zgharta from Syrian refugees. This action followed previous evacuation notices issued to them, based on decisions from the relevant official authorities", according to a news report published by the National News Agency.

<u>Diplomatic off-ramp to avoid Lebanon-Israel still possible: Special Coordinator</u>

Lebanon and the wider region remains on a knife edge as the war in Gaza grinds on and exchanges of fire continue across its southern border with Israel, the UN Special Coordinator told the Security Council on July 24, 2024. Briefing ambassadors behind closed doors, Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert gave her update alongside the UN Peace Operations chief Jean-Pierre Lacroix, following the latest report on the UN mission which monitors the so-called Blue Line frontier between Lebanon and northern Israel, according to a news report published by UN News.

Thursday 25 July 2024

Airstrike on Rab El Thalathine claims one life, injures two

An Israeli airstrike on the southern Lebanese town of Rab El Thalathine on July 25, 2024, resulted in the death of one person and injuries to two others, according to a news report by the National News Agency.

Household helpers file separate lawsuits against their employers

Thirteen Ethiopian household helpers sought assistance at their country's embassy in Lebanon, where each of them individually filed complaints with the public prosecutor, Judge Mirna Klass, against their employers, according to a news report by Al-Nahar published on July 25, 2024.

The complaints allege abuse, prevention of communication with their families, and withholding of their salaries for years, with accumulated amounts ranging from \$4,000 to \$16,000. Some of the helpers also reported being subjected to physical abuse. Judge Klass decided to refer these complaints to the Central Investigation Department for preliminary investigation and to summon their employers.

Friday 26 July 2024

Phosphorous bombardment targets Hima Rashaya Al-Fakhar

The National News Agency reported that 4 artillery shells fell on the area near Birkat al-Naqqar on the outskirts of the town of Shebaa on July 26, 2024. The surroundings of Hima Rashaya al-Fakhar had also been subjected to phosphorus shelling, originating from the Israeli positions set up inside the occupied Syrian Golan Heights, according to a news report by the National News Agency.

Saturday and Sunday 27 and 28 July 2024

Israeli shelling causes fires to break out in Adeisseh, Mays al-Jabal

The National News Agency reported that a hostile drone threw a firebomb behind the municipality of Adeisseh causing a fire to break out in the area on July 27, 2024. The artillery shelling on the town of Mays al-Jabal also caused a large fire to break out in the place, as civil defense teams headed to both towns.

<u>Joint Statement of UN Special Coordinator for Lebanon and UNIFIL Head of</u> <u>Mission and Force Commander</u>

A joint statement released on July 27, 2024, by UN Special Coordinator for Lebanon Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert and UNIFIL Head of Mission and Force Commander Lt. Gen. Aroldo Lázaro stated the following:

"We deplore the death of civilians - young children and teenagers - in Majdal Shams. Civilians must be protected at all times. We urge the parties to exercise maximum restraint and to put a stop to the ongoing intensified exchanges of fire. It could ignite a wider conflagration that would engulf the entire region in a catastrophe beyond belief."

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)
- o WHAT: Nature of the violation
- o **HOW**: A narrative description of what happened
- WHEN: Date of the episode (at least the year, if day and month are unknown)
- o **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.

