

## HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

3 June - 9 June 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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Monday 3 June 2024 Drone targets vehicle in southern Lebanon with four missiles causing one fatality
An Israeli drone on June 3, 2024, targeted a vehicle between the southern
Lebanese towns of Al-Kharayeb, Al-Zrayrieh, and Kawthariyet al-Riz with four
missiles, resulting in one fatality according to a <a href="news">news</a> report released by the
National News Agency.

#### One dead in drone strike in Naquora

The Israeli airstrike, which targeted a motorcycle in the southern Lebanese town of Al-Naqoura earlier on June 3, 2024, resulted in one fatality and another injury. Additionally, artillery shelling on the eastern side of Alma Al-Shaab caused fires in the region, according to a news report released by the National News Agency.

**Tuesday** 4 June 2024

One killed, another injured in Israeli drone strike on motorcycle in Naqoura
One individual was killed and another was injured in an Israeli airstrike that
targeted a motorcycle in southern Lebanon's Naqoura, according to a report issued
by the National News Agency on June 4, 2024.

## <u>Hostile phosphorus bombing targets Deir Mimas- Al-Qsaibeh neighborhood, sparks fire</u>

The National News Agency reported on June 4, 2024, that the outskirts of the southern Lebanese town of Deir Mimas- Al-Qusaibeh neighborhood, were subjected to hostile phosphorus bombardment, causing fires to break out in the place.

### The Ministry of Health publishes the cumulative report of health emergencies for June 4th

The Ministry of Public Health published a follow-up report on the Israeli aggression on Lebanon, the cumulative report of health emergencies for June 4, 2024. 1603 cases were recorded, including 401 deaths.

Wednesday
5 June 2024

**Incendiary shells ignite fires in Aitaroun and Maroun al-Ras** 

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#### Lebanon: Israel's White Phosphorous Use Risks Civilian Harm

Israel's widespread use of white phosphorus in south Lebanon is putting civilians at grave risk and contributing to civilian displacement, according to a news report issued by Human Rights Watch on June 5, 2024. Human Rights Watch verified the use of white phosphorus munitions by Israeli forces in at least 17 municipalities across south Lebanon since October 2023, including 5 municipalities where airburst munitions were unlawfully used over populated residential areas. Lebanon's Ministry of Public Health said that, as of May 28, exposure to white phosphorus had injured at least 173 people since October. Human Rights Watch did not obtain evidence of any burn injuries resulting from the use of white phosphorus munitions but heard accounts indicating possible respiratory damage. Human Rights Watch interviewed eight south Lebanon residents and verified and geolocated 47 photos and videos from south Lebanon posted on social media or shared directly with researchers indicating the use of white phosphorus munitions. In five municipalities, photos and videos show airburst munitions containing white phosphorus landing on top of residential buildings in the southern Lebanese border villages of Kafr Kila, Mays al-Jabal, Boustane, Markaba, and Aita al-Chaab

#### Lebanon arrests gunman following attack on US embassy in Beirut

A gunman who fired on the embassy of the United States in Beirut has been arrested after he was injured in return fire, according to a <a href="news">news</a> report by Al Jazeera. The <a href="attack">attack</a> on the embassy which took place on June 5, 2024 was carried out by a Syrian national, according to the Lebanese <a href="military">military</a>.

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**Thursday** 6 June 2024

#### Outbreak of a fire due to phosphorus shelling on the hill of Al-Azziyah

The National News Agency in Marjayoun reported that the Israeli phosphorus shelling on Al-Azziyah hill between Kafr Killa and Deirmimas caused a fire to break out in the area on June 6, 2024.

#### Secretary-General Renews Call for Ceasefire along Lebanon, Israel Border

The following statement was issued on June 6, 2024 by the Spokesman for UN Secretary-General António Guterres: As the exchanges of fire across the Blue Line continue, the Secretary-General renews his calls to the parties to urgently cease fire. He remains gravely concerned that the exchanges of fire have not only ravaged communities close to the Blue Line but have also impacted deeper into the territories of both Lebanon and Israel, with the use of increasingly destructive weapons. These exchanges of fire could trigger a broader conflict with devastating consequences for the region. Hundreds of lives have already been lost, tens of thousands of people have been displaced, and homes and livelihoods destroyed, on both sides of the Blue Line. Bushfires sparked by explosions are further devastating communities and the environment. The Secretary-General urges the parties to recommit to the full implementation of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) and immediately return to a cessation of hostilities. The United Nations supports all diplomatic and political efforts to end the violence.

**Friday** 7 June 2024

**Saturday and Sunday** 8 and 9 June 2024

State Security goes door-to-door in two northern Lebanese villages to ensure eviction of Syrians

Lebanese security forces went door to door on June 7, 2024 in the northern Lebanese villages of Btourram, in Koura district, and Hasroun, in Zgharta district, to confirm the evacuation of Syrian migrants residing there without documents according to a news report released by L'Orient Today.

#### Two killed in the raid on Aitroun

The National News Agency reported that the Israeli army committed a new massacre in which two individuals were killed in the town of Aitroun. The Israeli airstrike was carried out on June 8, 2024, targeting a cafe located within commercial shops at the "Wahid Gas Station" in the town of Aitroun in the district of Bint Jbeil. The raid resulted in the death of the shop owner, Ali Khalil Hamad (37 years old from Aitroun), and the young man Mustafa A. Issa (from the area of Iklim Al Tuffah). Ambulance teams transferred their bodies to Salah Ghandour Hospital in Bint Jbeil. The airstrike caused extensive damage to the shop, the gas station, nearby shops, and houses.

# 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.

