

HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

15 July - 21 July 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 15 July 2024

Tuesday 16 July 2024

<u>Lebanese General Directorate of State Security in the north evacuates Kafr Hazir</u> of Syrian refugees

According to the National News Agency, patrols from the State Security Directorate in the North - Amioun Office, have evacuated the town of Kafr Hazir from Syrian refugees who were previously warned to evacuate their residences due to their lack of appropriate legal documents on July 15, 2024.

<u>New massacre by the Israeli army in Bint Jbeil: Two brothers killed in the targeting of their home, and their third sibling critically wounded</u>

The Israeli army committed a massacre on July 15, 2024 against civilians in the city of Bint Jbeil, resulting in the death of two siblings from the Daqar family (a brother and his sister), while their other sister was critically injured. Fighter jets targeted their house with airstrikes in two waves, completely destroying it in the Al-Ouaini neighborhood of the city, according to a news report by the National News Agency. Emergency teams from the ambulance services, civil defense, Islamic Message Scouts, and Islamic Health Authority were working to remove the rubble from the destroyed house. The bodies of the two siblings and their injured sister were transferred to a hospital in the area.

Two killed in strike on a motorcycle on the road from Kafr Tibnit to Al-Khardali

An Israeli airstrike targeted a motorcycle with a reconnaissance mission on the road from Kafr Tibnit to Al-Khardali on July 16, 2024, resulting in the murder of two Syrian men, Abdul Mutaleb Abdul Fattah Nanis and Hamza Marhaj Shaban, according to a report published by the National News Agency.

Three children killed in Israeli airstrike on Umm al-Tut

The "National News Agency" <u>reported</u> that 3 Syrian children were killed in the Israeli airstrike that targeted agricultural land in the town of Umm al-Tut on July 16, 2024

UNICEF Lebanon Condemns Israeli Strike on Children

In a post on "X" on July 16, 2024, UNICEF Lebanon stated that "The killing of 3 more children by an airstrike today as they were reportedly playing in front of their home in South Lebanon is horrific. Children must be protected under IHL. Our thoughts with their families. More children are at risk as long as the violence continues."

Ministry of Health publishes cumulative report of health emergencies

The Ministry of Public Health published a follow-up on the Israeli aggression on Lebanon on July 16, 2024, presenting the cumulative report of health emergencies for July 16, 2024, showing 1953 cases recorded, including 481 deaths.

Wednesday 17 July 2024

Thursday 18 July 2024

Friday 19 July 2024

Lebanese Army: The outcome of the Security Measures in June 2024

The Army Command – Directorate of Orientation issued the following statement on July 17, 2024:

As a result of the outcome of the security measures taken by the army units in June 2024, 588 individuals of different nationalities were arrested for their involvement in various crimes and misdemeanors, including drug trafficking, theft, smuggling, possession of weapons and contraband, roaming inside Lebanese territory without legal residency, and driving vehicles and motorcycles without legal papers. The seized items included 75 firearms of various types, 21 grenades, 17 RPG launchers, quantities of light and medium munitions, a number of vehicles and motorcycles, addition to an amount of drugs, various materials prepared for smuggling, a number of communication devices, and surveillance cameras. Furthermore, attempts to infiltrate approximately 2200 Syrians across the borders illegally have been thwarted. The arrestees were turned in along with the seized items to the competent judicial authorities to take necessary measures.

Vehicle carrying Syrians entering Lebanese territory overturned

The Lebanese Army Command – Directorate of Orientation issued the following statement on July 17, 2024:

On the night of 16-17/07/2024, during an attempt by an army patrol to arrest 16 Syrians inside a 4x4 vehicle after they had entered Lebanese territory in the Al Sheikh Lar - Akkar, the driver (W.Sh.) tried to flee from the patrol, leading to the vehicle overturning. Those inside were transported to hospitals in the area for treatment, and shortly after, the driver and one of the injured persons passed away. The investigation with the arrestees was initiated under the supervision of the competent judicial authorities.

Judge Ghada Aoun issues a travel ban for former Minister Marwan Kheireddine

Judge Ghada Aoun issued a travel ban for former Minister Marwan Kheireddine, the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Al MawaridBank, and informed the General Directorate of General Security for its implementation, according to a <u>news</u> report published on July 18, 2024, by Megaphone News on "X". Her decision followed a complaint submitted by MP Elias Jarada and lawyers Hassan Bazzi, Pierre Haddad and Najib Farahat against the company Optimum and all the banks implicated in the investigation. The Optimum case concerns \$8 billion in illegal profits made by unknown persons between the years 2015 and 2018, as a result of financial maneuvers carried out by former BDL governor Riad Salameh, by which "Optimum" bought bonds from the central bank, then sold them back to the BDL instantly at higher prices.

<u>Comedian Shaden Fakih won't return to Lebanon after controversy over one of her shows</u>

Stand-up comedian Shaden Fakih <u>announced</u> that she has chosen exile over returning to Lebanon in a post on her personal account on Instagram on July 18,2024. In the post, the comedian <u>explained</u> that she is facing lawsuits, incitement campaigns and death threats due to a leaked video from one of her stand-up shows.

Lebanese Army: 86 Syrians were arrested in the Aabdeh area as they were preparing to migrate by sea

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

On July 19, 2024, as part of combating illegal migration, an intelligence patrol in the Al-Abdeh area arrested 86 Syrians who were preparing to migrate by sea to Italy. The boat was also seized. Investigations with the detainees have commenced under the supervision of the relevant judiciary.

Saturday and Sunday 20 and 21 July 2024

Lebanese Army: 35 individuals were detained in the areas of Bourj Hammoud and Al-Nabaa as part of security measures

The following statement was issued by the Lebanese Army Command -Directorate of Orientation on July 20, 2024:

As part of the security measures conducted by the military institution in various regions, army units supporting patrols from the Intelligence Directorate detained 35 individuals in the areas of Bourj Hammoud and Al-Nabaa, as follows:

- 4 Lebanese were detained for drug use and possession, with one of them also possessing a military pistol.

- 25 Syrians, Egyptians, and Jordanians were detained for various crimes including entry into Lebanese territory, possession of sharp objects, drug use, and possession.

- 3 Palestinians were detained for driving illegal vehicles.

The seized items were handed over, and investigations with the detainees have commenced under the supervision of the relevant judiciary.

Six people injured in the airstrike on Aadloun

The National News Agency reported on July 20, 2024 that the toll of the airstrike on Adloun had reached 6 wounded civilians, described as being in moderate condition. It also reported that ammunition will be detonated in Adloun shortly.

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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