



# HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

13 January- 19 January 2025



*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**  
13 January  
2025

### Most intense airstrikes on Lebanon since the ceasefire agreement

Sunday, January 13, 2025 saw the most intense [airstrikes](#) on Lebanon since the ceasefire agreement was implemented on November 27, 2024, according to a news report by the Andalou Agency released on January 13, 2025. Israeli warplanes [carried](#) out four strikes on the area between Houmine al-Fawqa and Deir al-Zahrani in southern Lebanon, as well as a [strike](#) on Jenta, marking the [first](#) attack on the Baalbek region since the ceasefire went into effect.

### Criminal Investigation Bureau summons Megaphone's editor-in-chief and its managing director

The Criminal Investigation Bureau [summoned](#) Megaphone's editor-in-chief Samer Frangieh and its managing director Jean Kassir, by phone to appear before the investigative judge at the Court of Cassation, Mirna Kallas, on Tuesday, January 14, without specifying the reason behind the summons, according to a news report by Megaphone News released on January 13, 2025.

Meanwhile, The Alternative Press Syndicate Gathering [offered](#) its full support to Megaphone and Jean Kassir and Samer Frangieh after they were summoned by the Criminal Investigation Department.

The Alternative Press Syndicate condemned this summons, as it constitutes a new violation by the Public Prosecution Office of the Press Law, specifically Article 29, which limits investigations into cases related to the press to investigating judges.

**Tuesday**  
14 January 2025

### The General Directorate of Civil Defense: Retrieval of the remains of six martyrs from Tayr Harfa and Khiam

On January 14, 2025, the General Directorate of Civil Defense issued the following statement: "As part of the field missions carried out by the rescue teams of the General Directorate of Civil Defense, and under the directives of Acting Director General of Civil Defense, Brigadier General Nabil Farah, in full cooperation with the Lebanese Army, the search and survey teams continued their operations in the town of Tayr Harfa. On Tuesday, January 14, 2025, they successfully recovered human remains believed to belong to three martyrs. The remains were transferred to Jabal Amel Hospital for the necessary legal and laboratory examinations, including DNA testing, to identify them by the competent authorities.

Simultaneously, on the second day of the fifth week of ongoing search operations at the site of the previous Israeli aggression on the town of Khiam, the search and rescue teams of the General Directorate of Civil Defense recovered human remains believed to belong to three martyrs from the eastern neighborhood."

Wednesday  
15 January 2025

### Tarek Bitar to revive Beirut blast investigation

The lead investigative judge at the Court of Justice, in the probe into the Aug. 4, 2020, Beirut port explosions, has [decided](#) to issue summonses through civil bailiffs starting midweek, according to a news report by L'Orient Today released on January 14, 2025. The prosecutor's obstruction dates back to Jan. 2023, when former prosecutor general Ghassan Oueidat barred the police from receiving or delivering arrest warrants and notifications issued by Bitar and from transmitting documents related to the case. This move came in response to charges filed against Oueidat by Bitar as part of the investigation. In retaliation, Oueidat released 17 detainees held by Bitar and launched legal proceedings against the judge for "usurping authority."

### General Directorate of Internal Security Forces: Murder case in Dbayeh

On January 14, 2025, an unidentified individual entered a car showroom in the Dbayeh area. Upon accompanying the showroom owner, identified as (J.R.), into his office, the perpetrator opened fire on him, killing him instantly. The assailant then fled the scene, stealing a "Mercedes G-Class" vehicle and escaping to an unknown location, according to a report by the General Directorate of the Internal Security Forces released on January 15, 2025.

Through diligent efforts by the leadership of the Jdeideh Regional Gendarmerie Unit, the perpetrator's identity and place of residence in a southern town were determined. He was identified as:

A.A. (born in 2005, Lebanese).

Following intensive investigations and inquiries, authorities located his whereabouts in the southern suburbs. A well-coordinated operation was conducted by the Southern Investigation Unit in collaboration with the Antelias Police Station, leading to his arrest through a carefully executed ambush.

Thursday  
16 January 2025

### Lebanon: Hostilities Wreak Havoc on Civilians

The 14-month conflict between Israel and Hezbollah had devastating impacts on civilians in Lebanon and included scores of apparent war crimes and laws of war violations, Human Rights Watch said on January 16, 2025 in its [World Report 2025](#).

Between October 2023 and December 2024, Israeli strikes across Lebanon killed more than 4,000 people, including more than 240 children, 220 health and rescue workers, and 700 women. The government of Lebanon has yet to take steps to ensure international accountability, including through the International Criminal Court (ICC). Human Rights Watch has documented a series of unlawful attacks and apparent war crimes by the Israeli military, including apparently deliberate attacks on journalists, peacekeepers, medics, and civilian objects, in addition to the unlawful use of booby trapped devices and widespread use of white phosphorus, including unlawfully over populated residential areas.

### Several wounded by stray bullets in Lebanon on Wednesday evening

Despite repeated warnings from Palestinian and Lebanese authorities about the dangers of "celebratory" gunfire following the announcement of a cease-fire in Gaza between Hamas and Israel, many people took to the streets on Wednesday evening, firing [shots](#) in the air to celebrate the end of more than a year of war in Gaza according to a news report by L'Orient Today released on January 16, 2025.

While our sources reported one death and three injuries, an Internal Security Forces (ISF) representative confirmed the toll of three wounded only.

According to information from our correspondent and news circulating on social networks, the shots fired in the air from Palestinian refugee camps killed a young man in Beirut's southern suburbs.!

Friday  
17 January 2025

### Israeli army fires live bullets at the LBCI crew in Meis al-Jabal

On Thursday, January 16, 2025, the Israeli army fired live bullets at the LBCI news crew, which included reporter Wissam Nasrallah and cameraman Rony Hawat, during their media coverage in coordination with the Risala Association for Medical Aid in the western section of Meis al-Jabal, according to a news report released by Samir Kassir Eyes on January 16, 2025.

According to details reported on the LBC's [website](#), "While the LBCI team was inspecting the western section of Meis al-Jabal alongside the Risala Association for Medical Aid, Israeli soldiers opened fire at them from inside a house they were occupying. No injuries were reported."

### The Alternative Press Syndicate reminds the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights of the demand to investigate Israel's crimes targeting journalists

The "Alternative Press Syndicate," represented by coordinator Elsie Mufarrij, met with UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk in Beirut as part of a meeting with representatives of civil society organizations. The syndicate reiterated the demand to investigate Israel's crimes targeting journalists in Lebanon, according to a statement released by the Alternative Press Syndicate on January 17, 2025.

During the closed meeting, Mufarrij highlighted that 12 direct attacks on journalists in Lebanon by Israel have been documented, three of which resulted in the martyrdom of six journalist colleagues: Issam Abdallah, Farah Omar, Rabih Al-Maamari, Wissam Qassem, Mohammad Reda, and Ghassan Najjar. Additionally, other colleagues sustained severe injuries.

Saturday and Sunday  
18 and 19 January  
2025

### Beirut blast investigator charges 10 people including security, customs and military personnel

Lebanese judge Tarek Bitar resumed his investigation into the deadly 2020 Beirut port blast on Thursday, charging 10 people including [security](#), customs and military personnel, according to news reports by several Lebanese and [Arab news](#) outlets.

The fresh charges come after a two-year hiatus in the investigation into the August 4, 2020 explosion that killed more than 220 people, injured thousands and devastated swathes of Lebanon's capital.

### Israeli force raids homes in Houla

An Israeli force, including a Merkava tank and a Namer armored personnel carrier, raided some houses on the western outskirts of the town of [Houla](#), amid heavy gunfire, before withdrawing to the eastern outskirts this afternoon, according to a news report by the National News Agency released on January 19, 2025.

### Lebanese Army: Injury of a soldier due to a landmine explosion

The Army Command – Directorate of Orientation issued the following statement:

On January 19, 2025, a soldier in the army sustained moderate injuries due to a landmine explosion near one of the posts handed over to the army by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine – General Command in the town of Qousaya, Zahle. The injured soldier was transported to a hospital for treatment, and his condition is stable.



# 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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