

# HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

10 March-16 March 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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Monday 10 March 2025

#### Israeli attacks on citizens in the town of Kfar Kila

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center of the Ministry of Public Health issued a statement on March 10, 2025 announcing that the Israeli attacks on citizens in the town of Kfar Kila led to the death of a soldier and the injury of two other people, one of whom is in critical condition.

## State Shura Council issues a decision confirming the state's responsibility in Ziad Itani case

Actor Ziad Itani <u>announced</u> on March 10, 2025 that the State Shura Council issued a <u>decision</u> confirming the state's responsibility in his case and obligating it to compensate him, seven years after he was wrongfully arrested and falsely accused of being an Israeli spy by State Security, according to a news report by Megaphone News.

#### Israeli Forces Shoot and Abduct Lebanese Army Soldier

Statement from the Army Command – Directorate of Guidance issued on March 10, 2025:

On 9/3/2025, after contact was lost with a Lebanese Army soldier, and following investigations, it was confirmed that members of the hostile Israeli forces opened fire on him while he was in civilian clothing in the outskirts of the town of Kfar Shouba, near the southern border. He sustained injuries as a result before being taken into the occupied Palestinian territories.

This attack is part of a series of repeated and escalating aggressions by the Israeli army against civilians, the latest of which was the shooting of a soldier on 9/3/2025 in the town of Kfarkela – Marjayoun, leading to his death. These violations continue alongside the Israeli army's ongoing breaches of Lebanon's sovereignty and security.

## <u>Prosecutor Jamal Al-Hajjar reinstates cooperation with Beirut Port blast investigator Tarek Bitar</u>

Lebanon's top prosecutor, Judge Jamal Al-Hajjar, has overturned a previous decision by former Prosecutor General Ghassan Oweidat that had halted cooperation with Judge Tarek Bitar, the lead investigator in the Beirut Port explosion case.

The decision effectively restores judicial collaboration with Bitar, allowing him to resume his work in probing the blast, according to a news report by the National News Agency released on March 10, 2025.

#### **Tuesday** 11 March 2025

Lebanon receives four Lebanese prisoners who had been detained by Israeli forces during the last war

The President of the Republic was informed that, as a result of the negotiations conducted by the Committee for Monitoring the Implementation of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement in the South, Lebanon received <u>four</u> Lebanese prisoners who had been detained by Israeli forces during the last war, and that a fifth prisoner would be handed over tomorrow, according to a post by the Lebanese Presidency account on X.

#### Israeli airstrike on car kills one in Wadi Froun

Lebanon's Health Ministry reported on Tuesday that the Israeli airstrike that targeted a car in Wadi Froun, South Lebanon, resulted in the killing of <a href="mailto:one-person">one-person</a>, according to a news report by LBCI.

#### Wednesday 12 March 2025

#### Lebanese army tears down Israeli barbed wire

The Army's Directorate of Guidance declared in a statement that an army unit worked on <u>removing</u> a barbed wire in the Lake Richa area southern Lebanon on Wednesday, March 13, 2025, which was placed by members of the Israeli forces.

#### Israeli forces shoots farmers in Marjeyoun

According to the <u>National News Agency</u>, members of the Israeli forces opened fire at workers and farmers in the Sarda orchards in Marjeyoun district on Wednesday, March 13, 2025. This attack coincided with drones flying over several villages in Tyre and Hermel district, and two Israeli <u>tanks</u> advancing toward Ramia, Bint Jbeil district.

#### Disaster and Crisis Management Reports 8,822 Refugees into Lebanon

Villages and towns in the Akkar Plain, along with some areas in Dreib, are witnessing an increase in the number of newly displaced individuals arriving from Syria. This surge follows the recent deadly events in Alawite-majority cities, towns, and villages along the Syrian coast, posing multiple challenges—chief among them securing shelter, food, and essential healthcare services—amid the limited capacities of municipalities and host communities.

According to its daily report, the Disaster and Crisis Management Room recorded an increase of approximately 300 displaced persons in the past 24 hours compared to the previous day's report, bringing the total number of newly displaced individuals to 8,822—equivalent to 1,873 families. These families have been distributed across 18 villages and towns in the Akkar Plain and Dreib regions, according to a news report by Annahar released on March 12, 2025.

## **Thursday** 13 March 2025

#### Israeli fighter jets target areas in eastern Lebanon

The Israeli army conducted two airstrikes on Thursday targeting areas in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa region, near the Syrian border, in fresh violations of the ceasefire. According to witnesses, the first strike hit the heights of Qousaya, a town in the Zahle district located in the eastern mountain range close to Syria. The second strike targeted the Al-Shaara area near Janata, in the Baalbek district, also near the border, according to Lebanese and Arab news outlets. No immediate reports of casualties were available.

#### <u>Lebanese Army receives soldier Ziad Chebli at the Ras Naqoura border point after</u> <u>he was abducted by Israeli soldiers</u>

The Lebanese Army <u>received</u> soldier Ziad Chebli at the Ras Naqoura border point after he was <u>abducted</u> by Israeli soldiers on March 9 from a Lebanese army barracks in Mazraat Bastara, on the outskirts of Kfar Shuba, according to a statement by the Lebanese Army released on March 13, 2025. Israel had <u>delayed</u> Chebli's handover for two days to monitor his health, as he was injured by Israeli army gunfire. After his release, Chebli was transferred to a hospital for treatment

#### **Cybercrimes Bureau Summons Journalist Hazem Al-Amin**

On Wednesday, March 12, 2025, the Cybercrimes and Intellectual Property Protection Bureau summoned Hazem Al-Amin, co-founder and editor-in-chief of *Daraj*, following a complaint filed against him and the platform by banker Anton Sehnaoui, according to a news report released by Samir Kassir Eyes on March 13, 2025. The charges include "inciting sectarian strife, spreading false news, undermining confidence in the stability of the state's currency, and incitement to murder." The complaint was triggered by a video report addressing banks' practices and their violations against depositors. However, Al-Amin refused to appear.

Friday 14 March 2025

#### Tarek Bitar resumes interrogation for Beirut Port explosion case

The National News Agency reported that the judicial investigator in the Beirut Port explosion case, Judge Tarek Bitar, <u>interrogated</u> retired General Security Brigadier General Mohammad Hassan Mokalled today, in the presence of his defense attorney and the personal prosecution team. At the end of the session, Bitar decided to release him on a residency bond. Bitar rejected the preliminary defenses submitted by Mokalled and proceeded with the investigation. A session is scheduled for next Friday to hear testimony from several witnesses.

Saturday and Sunday 15 and 16 March 2025

#### Israeli forces shoots cattle in Al Wazzani

Israeli occupation forces <u>opened fire</u> on a herd of cattle in the town of Al Wazzani near a Lebanese army checkpoint, killing a number of sheep and goats on Friday, 14 March, 2025.

#### Israeli airstrike kills 4 citizens in South Lebanon during 24 hours

Israeli airstrikes killed <u>four</u> citizens in the towns of <u>Mays Al Jabal, Yater</u>, Ainatha, and <u>Burj Al Muluk</u> in South Lebanon between Saturday and Sunday, 15 and 16 March, 2025.

## ISF: Information Branch arrests two individuals for drug trafficking and prostitution

Statement from the General Directorate of Internal Security Forces - Public Relations Division, issued on March 16, 2025:

As part of the ongoing monitoring by the Internal Security Forces to combat crimes in various Lebanese regions, information was received regarding the activity of two unknown individuals involved in drug trafficking in the southern suburbs, and in facilitating and practicing prostitution in and around the Airport Road area.

Subsequently, specialized units within the Information Branch initiated field and intelligence procedures. As a result of investigations and inquiries, a patrol from the branch arrested them red-handed in the Airport Road area while they were trafficking drugs. They are:

N. H. (born in 2000)

A. J. (born in 2002)

During their interrogation, they confessed to the charges against them regarding drug trafficking. It was revealed that N. H. is linked to a prostitution network.

Legal measures were taken against them, and they, along with the seized items, were referred to the relevant authorities, upon the court's order.

## 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
- 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.

