

### HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK 2 December - 8 December 2024



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**LEBANON** 

Monday 2 December 2024

#### Israeli raid on Jdeidet Marjeyoun resulted in the death of one person

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center of the Ministry of Public Health issued a statement on X on December 2, 2024, announcing that the Israeli raid on Jdeidet Marjeyoun resulted in the death of one person.

#### Legal Agenda: Israel restricts the livelihood of 800 fishermen in the south, defying the ceasefire agreement.

According to some fishermen interviewed by Al-Mufakkirah, the Lebanese army informed them that accessing the sea would be "at their own risk," providing them with "instructions not to sail deep and not to go beyond the waters of Al-Rashidieh to the south." A source in the army confirmed to Al-Mufakkirah that these "directives are due to Israeli threats." Despite the risks, some fishermen continue working in part of the waters off the coast of Tyre, striving to earn their livelihood. However, they remain unable to access the waters of Al-Bayyada (15 kilometers from Tyre) and further south to Nagoura at the border, where they anticipate abundant catches. As a result, 26 kilometers of the southern coastline, from Ras Al-Nagoura to Al-Rashidieh, have remained off-limits to them since the escalation of hostilities on September 23.

#### Israeli raid on the town of Talousa

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center of the Ministry of Public Health issued a statement on X on December 2, 2024, announcing that the Israeli raid on the town of Talousa resulted in the death of four people and the injury of one person.

#### Israeli raid on the town of Haris

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center of the Ministry of Public Health issued a statement on X on December 3, 2024, announcing that the Israeli raid on the town of Haris resulted in the death of six people and the injury of two others, according to an updated toll.

#### An Israeli drone struck and killed civilian Jamal Saab in the town of Chebaa

An Israeli drone struck and killed civilian Jamal Saab in the town of Chebaa on Tuesday afternoon, in a new bloody violation of the ceasefire with Lebanon, according to a news report by Megaphone News released on December 3, 2024. Ibrahim Nadaa, the town's mayor, said that the drone targeted Saab as he was herding his livestock on the outskirts of the town, adding that Saab, born in 1972, was a father to six children.

#### Tuesday 3 December 2024

#### Wednesday 4 December 2024

**Thursday** 5 December 2024

#### General Directorate of Civil Defense mourns the operational employee Ali Hussein Nabaa

In a statement on X on December 4, 2024, the General Directorate of Civil Defense mourned the operational employee Ali Hussein Nabaa, from the Taybeh Organic Center / Nabatieh Regional Center, who was killed on 3-12-2024 after being exposed to an Israeli air strike that targeted him in front of his home in the town of Deir Siryan.

#### Israeli attacks have killed 4,047 people in Lebanon, Lebanese minister says

Israeli attacks on Lebanon have killed <u>4,047 people and wounded 16,638</u> others since Oct. 7, 2023, Lebanese Health Minister Firass Abiad said in a televised press conference on Wednesday.

The attacks have killed 316 children and 790 women, Abiad added.

#### Israeli army targets Lebanese Civil Defense teams

The Israeli army <u>targeted</u> Lebanese Civil Defense teams with <u>artillery</u> shelling while removing rubble and recovering martyrs in Naqoura, Tyre district, according to a news report by Megaphone News. The Israeli forces also detonated a booby-trapped drone near the Civil Defense teams, forcing them to withdraw. Before being targeted, the Civil Defense had managed to retrieve the bodies of 16 martyrs from under the rubble in the towns of Chamaa, Bayyadah and Naqoura. The Israeli army continues to violate the ceasefire in Lebanon, as it detonated houses in the town of Yaroun in Bint Jbeil district on Thursday morning, bringing the total number of Israeli violations to over 129 since November 27.

#### Journalists Firas Hatoum and Nancy El Sabeh appear before Public Prosecutor Mirna Kallas

The founder of the "Tafaseel" website, journalist Firas Hatoum, and his wife, media personality Nancy Al-Sabaa, <u>appeared</u> on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, before Public Prosecutor Judge Myrna Kallas for questioning, according to a news report by Samir Kassir Eyes released on December 5, 2024. This was in connection with a complaint filed against them by Hisham Itani, the owner of the "Certa" company, over a journalistic investigation titled "The Pager Raid."

#### Israel's buffer zone, created by bombing Lebanon with white phosphorus

Israel has intensively used white phosphorus on a strip in southern Lebanon that matches a zone its army has marked as a red "no go" zone on maps it distributes to Lebanese people, telling them not to return to their homes there, according to a news report by Al Jazeera released on December 5, 2024. In March, Al Jazeera reported experts' claims that Israel was trying to make the land uninhabitable through tactics, including the use of white phosphorus. More than 918 hectares (2,268 acres) have been hit in 191 attacks using the controversial munition since October 8, 2023, according to data collected by Lebanese researcher Ahmad Baydoun and environmental activist group Green Southerners.

## Lebanese army in the Bekaa region raided a number of refugee camps and arrested 30 Syrians

The Army Command - Directorate of Guidance, issued the following statement: Within the framework of monitoring the security situation in the Syrian refugee camps in light of the exceptional phase that Lebanon is going through, units of the Lebanese army in the Bekaa region raided a number of these camps and arrested 30 Syrians for entering Lebanese territory. The Army Command also monitored the situation in the context of maintaining security and stability, and the specialized military units conducted monitoring and surveillance operations in various Lebanese regions. Friday 6 December 2024

Saturday and Sunday 7 and 8 December 2024

#### Lebanon: more than 786,000 people have returned to their communities since 27 November

More than a week on since the cessation of hostilities, OCHA says that people are continuing to return to their communities in Lebanon. The International Organization for Migration reports that more than 786,000 people have returned to their communities since 27 November, with the highest numbers recorded in El Nabatieh district in Nabatieh governorate, Saida district in the South governorate and Baalbek district in Baalbek-El Hermel governorate, according to a news report by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs . Authorities note a significant decrease in the number of displaced people in collective shelters, now hosting some 9,000 displaced people, compared to 188,000 before 27 November.

#### Airstrike on the Arida Border crossing between Lebanon and Syria in Akkar

In a new Israeli attack, the Israeli forces carried out an <u>airstrike</u> on the Arida Border crossing between Lebanon and Syria in Akkar at dawn on Friday December 6, 2024, rendering it out of service once again according to a news report by Megaphone News. This comes just four days after the crossing resumed operations following repairs due to an Israeli strike on the last day of the aggression, before the ceasefire went into effect on November 27.

#### Raids on Beit Lif and Deir Saryan

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center of the Ministry of Public Health issued a statement on X on December 7, 2024, announcing that the Israeli raid on the town of Beit Lif resulted in the death of five people and the injury of five others. The drone raid on the town of Deir Siryan also resulted in the death of one person.

# Head of the Committee of the Families of the Kidnapped and Missing in Lebanon calls upon the Lebanese state to follow up on the case of the forcibly disappeared in Syria and return them safely to Lebanon.

Wadad Halawani, head of the Committee of the Families of the Kidnapped and Missing in Lebanon, reiterated today that it's the responsibility of the Lebanese state to follow up on the case of the forcibly disappeared in Syria and return them safely to Lebanon, according to a news report released by Megaphone News on December 7, 2024. In a press conference, Halawani stressed that the identity of the people freed from the Hama prison has not yet been confirmed, adding that Lebanese officials should contact relevant parties in Syria to get the relevant information. The Lebanese government has yet to comment or act regarding the matter, although over 48 hours have passed since the detainees were released from Hama prison and reports circulated that this included Lebanese persons who have been missing for decades. The reports have not been verified by any official or human rights body however.

#### Raid on Debbin, Marjeyoun District

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center of the Ministry of Public Health issued a statement on X on December 8, 2024, announcing that the Israeli raid on the town of Dibbin, Marjeyoun District, resulted in the death of two individuals, and a woman was injured.

#### Syrian refugees in Lebanon begin to return after Assad regime's ouster

Scores of Syrian refugees in Lebanon approached the Masnaa border crossing on Sunday in the hopes of returning home following the collapse of the regime of Bashar al-Assad, according to a news report released by The New Arab on December 8, 2024. <u>Videos</u> shared on social media and Arabic-language outlets show Syrians in their hundreds driving and gathering towards the border, which the Lebanese army had partially opened to allow for Syrians to leave.

## 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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