



HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

20 January- 26 January 2025



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LEBANON

Monday

20 January
2025

Israeli troops detain three farmers between Ain Arab and Wazzani

Israeli enemy troops have detained three Lebanese farmers between Ain Arab and Wazzani according to a news report by the National News Agency released on January 20, 2025.

Tuesday

21 January 2025

General Directorate of Internal Security Forces: Murder Inside a Barbershop in Bir Hassan

On January 21, 2025, the General Directorate of Internal Security Forces released the following statement: On January 14, 2025, (M.M., born in 2005, Syrian nationality) was transported to a hospital after sustaining a gunshot wound to the head inside a barbershop in the Bir Hassan area. He soon succumbed to his injuries. Following the incident, the Ouzai police station of the Regional Gendarmerie Unit initiated investigations under the supervision of the competent judiciary. During questioning, the barbershop owner, identified as (M.K., born in 2005, Lebanese nationality), claimed that the victim was struck by a stray bullet of unknown origin while seated in the barber's chair. The two were alone in the shop at the time. A site inspection revealed no evidence of the bullet entering from outside. Through intensive inquiries and witness testimonies from individuals in the area, information surfaced indicating that the barber was seen holding a firearm at the time of the incident. Upon further investigation and confrontation with the gathered evidence, the barber admitted to having a heated argument with the victim due to personal provocations. Overcome with rage, he retrieved a handgun and shot the victim in the head. He later concealed the weapon with his friend (S.M., born in 1985, Syrian nationality), who was also arrested, and the firearm was recovered. The investigation is ongoing under the supervision of the competent judiciary.

Cybercrimes Bureau summons journalist Jean Kassir

The Cybercrimes and Intellectual Property Bureau summoned journalist Jean Kassir, co-founder of the "[Megaphone](#)" platform, on Monday, January 20, 2025, to appear before it on Thursday, January 23, according to a news report by Samir Kassir Eyes released on January 21, 2025. This summons follows a defamation complaint filed by MP Fouad Makhzoumi in connection with a report regarding the appointment of Judge Nawaf Salam as Prime Minister. The report included Makhzoumi's name accompanied by the phrase "arms dealer."

Wednesday
22 January 2025

Lebanese Civil Defense recovers the remains of two individuals in the town of Naqoura

As part of the tasks assigned to the General Directorate of Civil Defense, and under the directives of the Acting Director General of Civil Defense, Brigadier General Nabil Farah, and in coordination with the Lebanese Army, search and rescue teams continued their operations in the town of Naqoura. On Tuesday, January 21, 2025, they successfully recovered the remains of two martyrs from under the rubble, as part of ongoing efforts to search for those missing due to the recent Israeli aggression on Lebanon, according to a statement by the General Directorate of Civil Defense released on Facebook.

Lebanon: Food insecurity deepens following conflict

Nearly a third of Lebanon's population is facing acute food insecurity following the escalation of hostilities in late 2024, according to the latest Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis released on January 22, 2025. Developed by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the Ministry of Agriculture, the report reveals that the impact of hostilities on agriculture and the economy will likely slow recovery. Some 1.65 million people are now facing crisis or emergency levels of hunger, with 400,000 additional people classified as acutely food insecure compared to early 2024. Among them, over 200,000 are in emergency conditions, a figure that has doubled since the conflict's escalation late last year between Israeli forces and Hezbollah militants.

Israeli drone strikes between Wadi Khansa and Majidieh

An Israeli drone strike targeted an area between Wadi Khansa and Majidieh in Hasbaya district on January 22, 2025 according to a news report by the National News Agency.

Cybercrimes Bureau investigates journalist Sahar Ghaddar

The Cybercrimes and Intellectual Property Protection Bureau interrogated freelance journalist Sahar Ghaddar on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, a day after she was summoned. This followed a complaint filed by the "MTV" channel against a group of activists and journalists over content and tweets the channel deemed as incitement and threats against its employees, according to a news report by Samir Kassir Eyes organization released on January 22, 2025.

Thursday
23 January 2025

Aoun urges UNHCR chief to organize the return of Syrian refugees

Lebanese President Joseph Aoun called on the UNHCR's commissioner, Filippo Grandi, to "start organizing return convoys for the displaced Syrians in Lebanon", according to a news reports released by various media outlets on January 23, 2025.

Aoun said Lebanon "can no longer support the burden resulting from their presence at different levels." He called on the international community to provide material and humanitarian support to achieve the return of displaced Syrians. Some countries have already started their support, he added.

Civil Defense: Retrieval of Two Individuals Bodies from Southern and Western Khiam Neighborhoods

The search and rescue teams of the General Directorate of Civil Defense, under the directives of the Acting Director General of Civil Defense, Brigadier General Nabil Farah, and in collaboration and coordination with the Lebanese Army, successfully retrieved the bodies of two martyrs on Thursday, January 23, 2025. One was recovered from the southern neighborhood and the other from the western neighborhood of the town of Khiam. This operation is part of the ongoing efforts, now in their sixth consecutive week, to search for those missing as a result of the recent Israeli aggression on Lebanon.

Friday
24 January 2025

Israel seeks to remain in Lebanon after the withdrawal deadline

Israel's Ambassador to the U.S., Michael Herzog, said on Thursday that the Israeli government is [seeking](#) to maintain its military positions in southern Lebanon after the [withdrawal](#) deadline on Sunday, as stipulated in the ceasefire agreement in November between Israel and Lebanon, according to a news report by CNN released on January 24, 2025.

In a statement to Israeli Army Radio on Thursday, Herzog said that the 60-day deadline outlined in the November ceasefire agreement "is not fixed."

MTV Terminates Content Creator Elsy Moufarrej Over Union Activities

On January 24, 2025 the Alternative Press Syndicate released the following statement:

"The coordinator of the Alternative Press Syndicate, Elsie Mufarrej, was informed of a decision to [dismiss](#) her from her job as a content producer at MTV, due to her union [work](#). This measure came in response to the statement issued by the Alternative Syndicate on December 16, 2024, rejecting the judicial measures taken in the complaints filed by MTV against a number of journalists and activists on social media on charges of incitement against it. The statement recalled that journalists are only brought before an investigating judge and not before the judicial police, and considered that the arrest of activists violates the principles of freedom of expression."

Saturday and Sunday
25 and 26 January
2025

Twenty-two killed and one hundred and twenty-four wounded, including nine children and a paramedic, in the updated toll of Israeli attacks in southern Lebanon

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center of the Ministry of Public Health issued a statement on January 26, 2025 announcing that the Israeli attacks during citizens' attempts to enter their towns, which are still occupied, have led, so far, to the number of deaths rising to [twenty-two](#), including six women, and the number of wounded to 124.

NBN team targeted by Israeli army fire

The Alternative Press Syndicate reported on January 26, 2025, that journalists faced significant risks while covering the return of residents to border villages in southern Lebanon. [Journalist](#) Hussein Khalil, from Ezul Media Services Company, was injured while reporting on the return of residents to Maroun Al Ras.

In a separate incident, the NBN media team was targeted by Israeli army fire as reporter Hassan Faqih and photographer Radwan Harb accompanied residents returning to Mays al-Jabal on January 26, 2025.

The syndicate condemned the direct targeting of media teams and urged journalists to adhere to protection measures. It also called on the Lebanese army to ensure the safety of media professionals covering such events.

The Army Command - Directorate of Orientation mourns First Lieutenant Muhammad Yusef Zahour

The Army Command - Directorate of Orientation mourned First Lieutenant Muhammad Yusef Zahour, who was killed on 1/26/2025 after being targeted by gunfire from the Israeli army on the Marouhin-Dhahira-Tyre road.

Southern Lebanese Towns Reclaimed Amid Continued Israeli Violations

The residents of southern Lebanon have reclaimed several border towns, with significant developments reported on January 26, 2025. According to [Megaphone News](#), southerners successfully expelled Israeli vehicles from Mays al-Jabal and returned to their homes under the escort of the Lebanese Armed Forces ([LAF](#)), despite extensive destruction caused by Israeli attacks. This follows the liberation of Aita al-Shaab and other towns in the region, as the Israeli withdrawal from the western sector nears completion. However, attempts to maintain a presence in some border villages in the eastern sector persist.

In a statement issued by the LAF Command - Directorate of Orientation, the army confirmed its role in accompanying citizens entering towns such as Aita al-Shaab, Bint Jbeil, Deir Seryan, Adchit al Qusair, Tibeh, and Qantara in the Marjeyoun district. The army highlighted ongoing Israeli violations of Lebanon's sovereignty, including attacks on citizens that have resulted in casualties and injuries, as well as the refusal of the Israeli army to fully adhere to the ceasefire agreement.

The LAF called on citizens to exercise restraint and follow military directives to ensure their safety amid these developments.

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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