



HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

February 23 - March 1



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 23
February 2026

ISF arrested drug user and seized a storage and distribution warehouse in Zouk Mikael

Statement issued by the General Directorate of the Internal Security Forces – Public Relations Division on Monday, February 23:

In the context of the ongoing efforts by the Internal Security Forces to pursue and arrest those involved in drug crimes, and within the framework of the security plan developed by the Judicial Police Unit to curb the spread of this scourge in various Lebanese regions,

At the airport customs officers seized a package containing narcotics on February 11, 2026. Following immediate investigations and inquiries conducted by the Central Drug Enforcement Bureau, the recipient of the package was apprehended in a swift and precise operation.

Through immediate investigation and cross-referencing of technical and forensic data, the location of the warehouse used to store the goods before distributing them to dealers and distributors was identified in the Zouk Mikael area. A patrol from the aforementioned office searched the warehouse and seized a large quantity of various narcotics:

The drugs were seized, and a vehicle belonging to the suspect was impounded. Efforts are underway to apprehend the remaining individuals involved, in coordination with the relevant judicial authorities.

Tuesday 24
February 2026

Israeli gunfire on Marjeyoun and combing operation in Alma al-Shaab

Israeli forces combed the outskirts of Alma al-Shaab in the Wadi al-Dabsha area with heavy machine guns on Tuesday, February 24, and two houses were detonated in Houla and Aita al-Shaab overnight.

Simultaneously, the Lebanese Army reported gunfire from the Israeli side at the observation post in the Sarda-Marjeyoun area.

Wednesday
25 February 2026

2,400 buildings threatened to collapse in Beirut and Tripoli

The Public Works, Transport, Energy, and Water Committee revealed in its session on Wednesday, February 25, that approximately 2,400 buildings in Beirut require restoration to prevent collapse, while around 400 buildings in Tripoli are at risk of collapse.

MP Sajih Attieh mentioned the possible declaration of an emergency state on building cracks as well, and “a subcommittee will follow up on this matter with the government”.

Amnesty International calls on government to take legal action against Israeli violations against Lebanon

Statement issued by Amnesty International on Wednesday, February 25:

[...] The Lebanese government is ignoring a concrete set of legal actions it could have taken during this past year, starting with domestic investigations and accepting the International Criminal Court’s (ICC) jurisdiction over international crimes committed in Lebanon, the organizations said. They should now act on them as a matter of urgency. [...]

The organizations are urging the Lebanese government to explore every available legal avenue, both at the domestic level and internationally, to ensure that crimes under international law are investigated and prosecuted. A critical step the government could immediately take is filing a declaration with the ICC, accepting the court’s jurisdiction under article 12(3) of the court’s treaty, the Rome Statute, to investigate and prosecute crimes under international law committed on Lebanese territory since at least October 7, 2023. The government should also consider ratifying the Rome Statute.

The government should support the establishment of prompt, thorough, independent, and impartial domestic judicial investigations into war crimes committed on Lebanese territory, the groups said. This includes providing judicial investigators with the authority, protection, and resources necessary to complete their work effectively and impartially. To provide a legal framework for these efforts, the government should urgently issue and introduce in parliament a law criminalizing war crimes and other acts that are crimes under international law.

The government should establish a registrar to record all killings, injuries, and other damages to civilians, and invite the United Nations special rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence to visit Lebanon and to recommend measures that Israel, Hezbollah, and the government of Lebanon should take to uphold victims’ rights. [...]

Thursday 26
February 2026

Heavy Israeli raids on multiple villages across Lebanon

Israeli raids targeted the Bekaa valley, outskirts of Hermel, outskirts of Buday, and the farms of Beit Msheik, west of Baalbek, causing material damage to property in Baalbek on Thursday, February 26.

ISF arrests a kidnapper and frees the victim

Statement issued by the General Directorate of Internal Security Forces - Public Relations Division on Thursday, February 26:

As part of the daily follow-up conducted by the Internal Security Forces to pursue perpetrators of crimes, suspects, and those wanted by the judiciary in various Lebanese regions.

On February 17, 2026, while a citizen was driving his van on the public road in the town of Al-Muhammara, Akkar, a man kidnapped him in the van due to a financial dispute between them and took him to an unknown location.

As a result of intensive field investigations and inquiries, and just hours after the kidnapping, an Information Branch patrol successfully ambushed and freed the kidnapped man and recovered the van. The kidnapper was apprehended and found to be wanted on two arrest warrants for theft and a felony, as well as a conviction for belonging to a terrorist organization.

The detainee was handed over to the relevant unit for further legal proceedings, in accordance with the instructions of the competent judicial authority.

Friday 27
February 2026

UNIFIL hands over two cleared minefields to the Lebanese Army

Statement issued by The United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) on Friday, February 27:

UNIFIL handed over the last two of five minefields cleared by its deminers over the past six months to the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF), during a ceremony held yesterday in Blida, southeastern Lebanon.

While clearing the final two minefields, with a combined area of 5,188 square metres, UNIFIL deminers found 946 mines which were destroyed on site.

In total, UNIFIL has cleared and handed over five minefields – covering 12,030 square metres – to the Lebanese Mine Action Centre (LMAC) of the LAF since the peacekeeping deminers resumed humanitarian demining last August. In the process, they also found and destroyed 2,173 mines [...]

Following a request from the Government of Lebanon, UNIFIL peacekeepers resumed humanitarian demining in southern Lebanon last summer – nearly two years after operations were suspended due to exchanges of fire across the Blue Line. This operation is in line with UNIFIL's continued cooperation with the LAF [...].

Environmental Scouts Association condemn tree cutting in Keserwan

The Environmental Scouts Association issued a statement on Friday, February 27, condemning illegal logging operations that have been documented in the forests of Raachine, Aghbeh, and Hayata in Keserwan-Ftouh.

Saturday & Sunday

28 February &

1 March 2026

Israeli drones and explosions near Maroun el-Rass and Bekaa

An Israeli drone dropped a stun grenade near journalists in Maroun el-Rass on Saturday, February 28. Explosions were also heard in the eastern sector near Hasbaya and an airstrike targeted the area between Rihan and Sajd in Iqlim al-Tuffah.

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. which prison)



HOW:

A narrative description of what happened



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.



WHAT:

Nature of the violation



WHEN:

Date of the episode (at least the year, if day and month are unknown)



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.

