



HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

9 December - 15 December 2024



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LEBANON

Monday

9 December
2024

Israeli fighter jets strike a car on Saff al-Hawa road

On December 9 2024, Israeli fighter jets struck a car on Saff al-Hawa road in Bint Jbeil, as it came to a stop at a Lebanese army checkpoint, [killing](#) the driver and injuring [several](#) soldiers, according to the National News Agency.

Tuesday

10 December 2024

Israel destroys buildings in Lebanon in more ceasefire violations

Israeli warplanes fired a [missile](#) at a civilian home in [Akkar](#) in [northern](#) Lebanon on Tuesday in a fresh violation of the ceasefire agreement concluded more than two weeks ago. The Lebanese *National News Agency* said that the missile did not explode, but penetrated the three-storey [house](#) causing serious damage, according to a news report by Middle East Monitor released on December 10, 2024.

Meanwhile, added the *Palestinian Information Centre*, the Israeli occupation forces also blew up a number of buildings in the southern Lebanese village of [Khiyyam](#) on Monday night

Nine Lebanese prisoners freed from Syrian jails return home

[Nine](#) Lebanese prisoners who were [freed](#) from Syrian [jails](#) in recent days have arrived in Lebanon, Beirut's interior minister announced on Tuesday, according to a news report by Middle East Eye.

Wednesday

11 December 2024

A Lebanese man who spent 32 years in Syrian prisons is welcomed home

Suheil Hamwi spent 32 years in a Syrian prison, and now, after an offensive by insurgents that toppled the government of Bashar Assad, he's finally [returned](#) to his home in Lebanon.

Hamwi was one of hundreds of Lebanese citizens detained during Syria's occupation of Lebanon from 1976 to 2005 and believed to be held in Syrian prisons for decades. On Sunday, freedom came to him and others unexpectedly – prisoners who'd heard rumors about Syria's opposition forces and their sweeping campaign found that guards had abandoned their posts. Hamwi and other prisoners left, he said, and he would soon be among the first from Lebanon to reenter the country.

Thursday
12 December
2024

Israeli strikes kill five in southern Lebanon amid shaky ceasefire

At least [five](#) people have been killed in Israeli attacks on several towns in southern Lebanon, the country's Health Ministry has said, amid a fragile ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah, according to a news report by Al Jazeera released on December 11, 2024.

"An Israeli enemy drone strike on the town of Ainata killed one person and wounded another," the ministry said.

An "Israeli strike on the town of Bint Jbeil killed three people," while a third "on Beit Lif killed one person", it added.

There was no immediate comment from the Israeli military on the attacks.

Migrant workers in Lebanon are trying to return home after abuses and then war

Isatta Bah wakes up from a nap [in a crowded shelter on the outskirts of Beirut](#), clutching her baby, Blessing.

The 24-year-old from Sierra Leone spends her days waiting for an exit visa that could put her and her 1-year-old on a plane back to the West African nation. She wants to reunite with her family after what she called exploitative work conditions and sexual violence, along with the recent horrors of war in Lebanon.

"My experience in Lebanon is not good for me. I am really tired," Bah said. "I want to go home."

Hundreds of migrant workers in Lebanon are waiting to be repatriated after the ceasefire ending the 14-month war between the Lebanon-based Hezbollah and Israel went into effect last month, according to a news report released by the Associated Press on December 12, 2024.

With war, their lives became more precarious. When Israel intensified its bombardment of Beirut's southern suburbs in September, Bah fled the area with her baby and friends on foot.

Not every migrant worker escaped the attacks. An estimated 37 have been killed and 150 wounded since October 2023, said Joelle Mhanna with the U.N.'s International Organization for Migration.

IOM said it has received requests from around 10,000 migrants seeking to be repatriated, a small fraction of the over 175,000 in Lebanon.

As of Nov. 26, the IOM had supported over 400 migrants to return home. That included two charter flights for people from Bangladesh and Sierra Leone. It wasn't clear how many more flights are planned. or to where.

Israel bombs south Lebanon's Khiam a day after its troops withdrew from the town

Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati accused Israel of breaching its ceasefire with Lebanon after [bombing](#) Khiam, less than 24 hours after Israeli soldiers [withdrew](#) from the strategic town, according to a news report by the National released on December 12, 2024.

"The Israeli [enemy](#) strike on the town of Khiam killed one person and injured another," the health ministry said in a statement, according to a news report by France 24.

Body of Lebanese child found under rubble as search for missing continues amid truce

The body of a five-year old boy from the town of Maaysra in central Lebanon was discovered two months after he was announced as missing on 25 September, following an Israeli attack on the area that killed five other members of his family, including his mother.

At the time, the Lebanese ministry of health reported that at least three were dead and nine wounded in a provisional report.

However, Lebanese rescue teams recovered the body of the child, who has been identified as Amir Hussein, on Monday evening.

3 citizens arrested in Majdal Anjar – Bekaa for vandalizing a civilian bus and causing the death of its driver

The Army Command – Directorate of Orientation issued the following statement on December 12, 2024:

On 11/12/2024, a patrol from the Directorate of Intelligence arrested citizens (S.G.), (A.G.), and (H.H.) in the town of Majdal Anjar – Bekaa for vandalizing a civilian bus as it was returning from Syrian territory at the Masnaa border crossing. They also assaulted the passengers, leading to the death of the driver. Additionally, the detainee (S.G.) is wanted under several arrest warrants for smuggling individuals across the border.

Investigations with the detainees have commenced under the supervision of the competent judiciary.

The Alternative Press Syndicate calls on competent bodies to investigate the fate of photojournalist Samir Kassab

In a statement released on X on 13 December 2024, the Alternative Press Syndicate called on the Minister of Information, the Prime Minister, the relevant agencies and the competent bodies to take rapid action to investigate the fate of photojournalist Samir Kassab, who has been missing in Syria for 11 years, along with his colleagues at Sky News Arabia. The syndicate also asks anyone who has information about their fate to cooperate in this regard.

The Information Division uncovers the details of the kidnapping and torture of a citizen and arrests the perpetrators

The General Directorate of the Internal Security Forces - Public Relations Division, issued the following statement on December 14, 2024:

On 4/12/2024, L.D. (born in 1976, Lebanese) filed a complaint stating that her husband, N.B. (born in 1972, Lebanese), had been kidnapped by unknown individuals who demanded a ransom of \$14,000 for his release. Immediately, the specialized units of the Internal Security Forces launched field and intelligence operations to uncover the circumstances of the kidnapping and identify the culprits. As a result of investigations and inquiries, the Information Division suspected the involvement of two individuals in the kidnapping:

- M.A.D. (born in 1964, Lebanese)
- A.S. (born in 1990, Lebanese)

Orders were issued for the division's patrols to locate and arrest them.

On 9/12/2024, after precise monitoring and surveillance, one of the division's patrols managed to arrest them.

During questioning, A.S. confessed to detaining and torturing N.B. due to financial disputes between them. During the investigation, M.A.D. confessed to his involvement by acknowledging his knowledge of the operation.

Friday
13 December
2024

Saturday and Sunday
14 and 15 December
2024

Israeli drone raid on Al-Khardali

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center of the Ministry of Public Health issued a statement on X on December 14, 2024, announcing that the Israeli drone raid on Al-[Khardali](#), Marjeyoun District, resulted in the death of one individual.

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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