

HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

2 September - 8 September 2024



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Monday

2 September 2024

Tuesday 3 September 2024

Death toll from the Beit Leif raid rises to one killed and eight wounded

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center of the Ministry of Public Health, reported that the number of wounded from the raid on Beit Leif, which resulted in the death of one person, has risen to eight injured, including a man and seven girls aged between 10 and 16 years. Among them is a girl with severe injuries, according to a news report published by the National News Agency on September 2, 2024.

Two killed in Nagoura and three wounded in the Israeli raid on the town of Markaba

A statement issued by the Emergency Public Health Operations Center of the Ministry of Public Health announced that an Israeli raid on a car in the town of Nagoura resulted in the death of two individuals on September 2, 2024. Another Israeli raid on the town of Markaba on the same day resulted in three injuries.

The Directorate of General Security evacuates the town of Karmasda - Zgharta of Refugees

The Directorate of General Security announced in a statement released on September 3, 2024, that: "After several warnings were issued by the General Security Directorate in the North to Syrian refugees in the town of Karmasda in the Zgharta district, regarding the necessity to evacuate the town and vacate the properties they occupy to return them to their owners, and after their refusal to comply with these warnings, patrols from the General Security in the North -Zgharta office evacuated the town of Karmasda of refugees. Twelve residences were sealed with red wax, and 75 individuals were evacuated due to their lack of legal documents."

Former Central Bank Governor Riad Salameh arrested

Lebanon's former central bank governor, Riad Salameh, was arrested in Beirut on Tuesday September 3, 2024, over alleged financial crimes linked to a brokerage company, three judicial sources said, his first arrest after years of accusations at home and abroad, according to a news report released by Reuters.

Wednesday 4 September 2024



Human Rights Watch: Lebanon/Cyprus: Refugees Pulled Back, Expelled, Then Forced Back to Syria

The Lebanese Armed Forces and Cypriot authorities work together to keep refugees from reaching Europe, then deport them to danger in Syria, Human Rights Watch said in a report released on September 4, 2024. The 90-page report, "I Can't Go Home, Stay Here, or Leave': Pushbacks and Pullbacks of Syrian Refugees from Cyprus and Lebanon," documents why Syrian refugees in Lebanon are desperate to leave and try to reach Europe; and how the Lebanese army has intercepted, pulled them back, and summarily expelled them to Syria. In tandem, the Cypriot Coast Guard and other Cypriot security forces have sent Syrians whose boats reached Cyprus back to Lebanon, without regard to their refugee status or risk of being expelled to Syria. Many of those sent back to Lebanon by Cyprus were immediately expelled to Syria by the Lebanese army.

<u>Public Health Emergency Center: One killed and Seven injured due to Israeli</u> aggression on multiple towns

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center, affiliated with the Ministry of Public Health, issued a statement on September 4, 2024, announcing that "the Israeli army's airstrike on the town of Khiyam resulted in the injury of two people, who required admission to the Marjayoun Governmental Hospital for further treatment. The PHEOC also announced the Israeli army's artillery bombardment of the town of Qabrihka resulted in the death of a woman and the injury of two other people, including a twelve-year-old child. Another Israeli airstrike on the town of Houla resulted in the injury of three people.

Charbel Hadchiti murdered in Bchamoun

The Hadchiti family condemned the 'horrific crime that took the life of their murdered son, Charbel Ramez Hadchite,' calling on the judiciary and security agencies to quickly reveal the details of the crime and arrest those responsible, according to a news report released by Annahar on September 4, 2024. The municipal police of Choueifat found the body of Hadchiti, a resident of Dekwaneh, on September 3, 2024 at the intersection near the town of Bchamoun. The Lebanese Internal Security forces issued a <u>statement</u> on September 4, 2024 which stated:"Following the discovery of the murdered Charbel Hadchiti on 9/3/2024 in the Bchamoun area, the Information Branch arrested today, 9/4/2024, the person named B.A., born in 1996, who confessed to committing the crime. The investigation is underway under the supervision of the competent judiciary to determine the causes and circumstances of the crime"

Thursday 5 September 2024

One killed and one injured as a result of the Israeli airstrike on the town of Kafra

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center, affiliated with the Ministry of Public Health, issued a statement announcing that the Israeli airstrike on the town of Kafra on September 5, 2024, resulted in the death of one person and the injury of another.

<u>The General Directorate of State Security in the North evacuates Kfar Aqqa, Arjiss, and Kfar Zina of Syrian refugees</u>

In a statement on Facebook, the General Directorate of State Security announced on September 5, 2024 that:"As part of its follow-up on the issue of Syrian refugees in the North occupying properties illegally, patrols from North Lebanon State Security – Zgharta Office, evacuated the towns of Arjiss and Kfar Zina, clearing about 10 residences and removing 50 refugees. Additionally, State Security in the North – Amioun Office, evacuated the town of Kfar Aqqa in the Koura district of Syrian refugees who were in violation of regulations in the town.

Friday 6 September 2024

Saturday and Sunday 7 and 8 September 2024

Phosphorus shelling sparks fires in Marjeyoun

The area between southern Lebanon's Tel Al-Nahas and Al-Hamamis, extending toward the Marjeyoun plain, was targeted by Israeli artillery fire with phosphorus shells on September 6, 2024, resulting in the outbreak of fires, according to the National News Agency.

Three killed & two wounded among Lebanese Civil Defense team in initial toll of Israeli attack on Froun

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center of the Ministry of Public Health issued a statement on September 7, 2024, announcing that "the Israeli targeting of a Lebanese Civil Defense team while working to extinguish fires caused by the recent Israeli raids on the town of Froun today, has led to the death of three paramedics and the injury of two others, one of whom is in critical condition." "The Public Health Ministry condemns this blatant Israeli attack that targeted a team in an official apparatus affiliated with the Lebanese state, noting that it is the second of its kind against an ambulance team in less than twelve hours," the statement added.

Ministry affirms that the Israeli enemy's insistence on accumulating such attacks prohibited by international law is nothing but a confirmation of its barbarism and aggressive intentions that leave no room for carrying out humanitarian missions that are usually allowed even in the most brutal and harshest wars," the statement concluded.

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)
- o 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.

