



HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

13 July - 19 July 2026



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
July 13 2026

Israeli Strikes, Demolitions, and Military Activity Across Southern Lebanon

Israeli forces carried out, on Monday, July 13th, airstrikes, artillery shelling, demolitions, and sweeping operations across southern Lebanon. A large explosion was carried out in the Safita area on the southern outskirts of Yahmar al-Shouf, causing a major crack in the mountain terrain. A second explosion in Kfar Tibnit followed within less than two hours, accompanied by artillery shells on the town. Israeli forces advanced into the outskirts of Braasheet in the Bint Jbeil district and detonated homes. Machine-gun sweeping was carried out toward Majdal Zoun, simultaneously with artillery striking Wadi Hassan. An artillery shell landed in the Sadana area of Kfar Shouba. Intermittent artillery struck the area between Nabatieh al-Fawqa and Kfar Tibnit. A drone dropped an incendiary bomb on al-Tahra Hill in Kfar Reman. Israeli forces continued demolishing and burning homes in the southern neighborhoods of Hadatha. An Israeli drone flew at low altitude over Beirut.

Tuesday
July 14 2026

Israeli Strikes, Fires, and Military Activity Across Southern Lebanon

Israeli forces carried out, on Tuesday, July 14th, demolitions, fires, artillery shelling, and sweeping operations across southern Lebanon. At dawn, Israeli forces detonated homes and infrastructure in Majdal Zoun and Hadatha, and conducted heavy machine-gun fire toward Majdal Zoun, Mansouri, and surrounding valleys. Demolitions were also carried out in the valleys extending from Majdal Zoun to Wadi Hassan, and explosions were reported in the vicinity of al-Tairi and Kounine around 1:30 a.m. Artillery struck Byout al-Siyyad at dawn. A demolition operation was carried out in Nabatieh al-Fawqa and Kfar Tibnit, followed less than half an hour later by a drone strike on Nabatieh al-Fawqa that injured two people. Israeli vehicles were reported on the outskirts of Zawtar al-Gharbiyyeh and Zawtar al-Sharqiyyeh accompanied by heavy machine-gun fire. Israeli forces set fire to homes in Zawtar al-Sharqiyyeh since the morning, with columns of smoke rising from several locations. A series of violent explosions was carried out in Kfar Tibnit, Arnoun, and the area between Kfar Tibnit and Nabatieh al-Fawqa in the evening. A drone dropped a stun grenade over Mansouri for the second time. A drone struck the Dawha area of Kfar Reman.

ISF Raids Two Hotels in Jadra on Suspected Human Trafficking

The Internal Security Forces announced, on Tuesday, July 14th, the raid of two hotels in the town of Jadra in the Shouf district in the context of an operation targeting suspected trafficking and “prostitution”. According to the ISF statement, 18 people were detained, including hotel owners, employees, customers, and women of several nationalities. The statement indicated that four women were found in circumstances the ISF described as constituting offenses, and that drug tests returned positive results for eight of the detainees. The hotels were sealed, and the case was referred to the competent judiciary. The ISF statement did not address the legal status or protection needs of the women detained in the context of a potential trafficking situation.

Drone Strike on Nabatieh al-Fawqa Injures Two

Israeli forces struck, on Tuesday, July 14th, the town of Nabatieh al-Fawqa with a drone, injuring two people.

Wednesday
July 15 2026

Israeli Strikes, Demolitions, Road Destruction, and Military Activity Across Southern Lebanon

Israeli forces carried out, on Wednesday, July 15th, large-scale explosions, drone activity, and sweeping operations across southern Lebanon. Demolitions targeted the eastern neighborhood of Khiam, Qantara in the Marjayoun district, and several valleys and homes in Beit Yahoun in the Bint Jbeil district. Israeli forces bulldozed roads linking Bint Jbeil to the border town of Maroun al-Ras. Forces also opened fire toward residents attempting to inspect orchards near Majdal Zoun and Mansouri. A demolition operation was carried out in Kounine in the Bint Jbeil district. An Israeli drone flew at low altitude over Tyre and its surrounding areas.

ISF Arrests Man for Blackmailing Women Through Dating App

The Internal Security Forces announced, on Wednesday, July 15th, the arrest on July 1, 2026, of K.H. (born 1993, Syrian) for blackmailing women by contacting them through a dating application, obtaining personal photographs via video calls or other means, and threatening to publish them unless his demands were met. The ISF circulated his photograph and called on victims to come forward to the Anti-Trafficking and Morality Office or contact the relevant number to initiate legal proceedings. The ISF urged the public to exercise caution on social media platforms and report any blackmail or exploitation attempts.

Thursday
July 16 2026

Israeli Strikes and Military Activity Across Southern Lebanon

Israeli forces carried out, on Thursday, July 16th, drone strikes, artillery shelling, and fires across southern Lebanon. A guided missile struck the Ali al-Taher forest on the outskirts of Nabatieh al-Fawqa at around 2:45 p.m. A large explosion was carried out in the vicinity of Zawtar al-Gharbiyyeh. A drone dropped a stun grenade over Mansouri. Artillery struck the town of Rashaf with 155mm shells. Israeli forces set fire to homes and agricultural land on the outskirts of Beit Yahoun.

Lebanese Parliament Moves to Abolish Death Penalty; Three Committees Approve Draft Law

Three Lebanese parliamentary committees jointly approved, on July 9, 2026, a draft law abolishing the death penalty, putting Lebanon on the verge of becoming the first country in the Middle East to formally end capital punishment, Human Rights Watch reported on Thursday, July 16th. Parliament convened on July 15 and 16 to discuss and vote on the law. The draft law abolishes the death penalty wherever it appears in Lebanese legislation and replaces it with life imprisonment with hard labor. Lebanon has maintained an unofficial moratorium on executions since 2004, with approximately 84 prisoners currently on death row. Human Rights Watch called on parliament to pass the law and remove civilians from the jurisdiction of military courts, which retain the death penalty and have been found to lack due process guarantees.

Friday July 17
2026

Israeli Sweeping Operation Traps Residents of Haris; Drone Strike Injures Worker Near Naqoura

Israeli forces carried out, on Friday, July 17th, an overnight sweeping operation that trapped several residents of the town of Haris, prompting them to appeal to the Lebanese Army for evacuation. A separate drone struck the Mansouri area and the Naqoura road near the Tyros restaurant, injuring a worker.

Saturday and
Sunday
18 and 19 July
2026

Israeli Strikes and Military Activity Across Southern Lebanon

Israeli forces carried out, on Saturday, July 18th, artillery shelling and an explosion across southern Lebanon. Artillery targeted the town of Haris in the Bint Jbeil district, with casualties reported. A large explosion occurred on the outskirts of Zawtar al-Sharqiye toward Mayfadoun. An explosion was heard over the Marjayoun plain, later determined to be caused by an interceptor missile, coinciding with Israeli media reports of air defense systems being activated in Kiryat Shmona; the circumstances of the incident remained under investigation.

Sergeant First Class Ahmad Sami Khalil Killed in Explosion Near Army Vehicle in Mansouri

Lebanese Army. Sergeant First Class Ahmad Sami Khalil was killed, on Saturday, July 18th, in the explosion of a suspicious object near an army vehicle in the town of Mansouri in the Tyre district. An officer and another soldier were also injured. An investigation was launched to determine the details of the incident. Khalil, born on August 17, 1989, in Froun in the Bint Jbeil district, was married with two children.

Israeli Strikes and Military Activity Across Southern Lebanon

Israeli forces carried out, on Sunday, July 19th, drone strikes, artillery shelling, and demolitions across southern Lebanon. A drone dropped a sound bomb over the town of Haris. Artillery struck Shamaa, Majdal Zoun, and Byout al-Siyad. A detonation was carried out at dawn in Khiam and Deir Serian in the Marjayoun district. An Israeli raid targeted the vicinity of the General Security Center in the University District of Nabatieh, striking a South Council pickup truck with no injuries reported.

Israeli Forces Continue Demolishing and Burning Homes in Khiam

Israeli forces carried out, on Sunday, June 28th, demolitions and set homes on fire in the town of Khiam, while military vehicles continued to move inside the town.

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)



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.

