HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

12 October - 18 October 2026



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Monday 12 October 2026

Draft Law Seeks to Abolish Unmarried-Status Requirement for Women Applying to Lebanon's Diplomatic Service

MP Inaya Ezzeddine, chair of Parliament's Women and Children Committee, announced on Monday, October 12th, that she had submitted a proposallaw to abolish the requirement that female applicants to Lebanon's diplomatic service be unmarried.

The condition appears in a 1971 law governing the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and was included in a newly announced Civil Service Council examination for third-category diplomatic posts. Ezzeddine said it discriminates on the basis of marital status and conflicts with constitutional guarantees of equality and equal access to public employment, as well as International Labour Organization Convention No. 111.

Prisoners End Month-Long Hunger Strike and Refusal to Take Medication

Hundreds of prisoners ended a month-long hunger strike and refusal to take medication on Monday, October 12, following the Constitutional Council's rejection of the challenge to the General Amnesty Law and its interpretation of certain provisions. Around 600 prisoners participated in the strike in Buildings B and D of Roumieh Prison, as well as in Jeb Jenin, Baalbek and Rashaya.

A spokesperson for the prisoners said that 77 participants were in critical medical condition by midday Monday. The figure was not independently confirmed by prison authorities. The spokesperson said that ending the strike would not end efforts to secure justice for prisoners excluded from the amnesty law.

Drone Strike Hits Kfar Tibnit as Interceptor Explodes over Khiam

An Israeli drone fired a guided missile at Kfar Tibnit in the Nabatieh district on Monday morning. An interceptor missile also exploded over Khiam in the Marjayoun district.

Tuesday 13 October 2026

Airstrikes and Gunfire Target Several Areas of Southern Lebanon

Israeli forces opened intense machine-gun fire toward the Hammam area near the entrance to Khiam on Tuesday, October 13th, with stray bullets reaching the Marjayoun–Ibl al-Saqi road. Overnight artillery shelling struck the outskirts of Haris and Baraachit, while heavy machine-gun fire targeted the entrances to Mansouri.

Israeli warplanes later struck Kfar Tibnit and Wadi al-Hujeir. A further airstrike targeted a wooded area in Wadi al-Salouqi near Shaqra.

Wednesday 14 October 2026

Report Documents Forced Deportation of 264 Syrian Refugees in September

The Access Center for Human Rights (ACHR) published its September 2026 monthly report on Wednesday, October 14, documenting 11 incidents affecting Syrian refugees in Lebanon. Eight involved collective or forced deportations affecting 264 people, while seven of these incidents also involved arrests totaling 242 people.

Among the cases, 22 Syrians, including three who suffered burns, were deported on September 9, one day after being rescued from a boat heading from Tripoli towards Cyprus that had suffered an engine fire and taken on water, leaving its passengers at sea for about 48 hours. Four Syrian refugees from camps in Deir al-Ahmar, in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, were deported to Syria via the Qaa–Jousieh crossing on September 15, the same day they were detained.

ACHR said no information was available confirming that those deported had been afforded judicial review, access to legal counsel or UNHCR, or an individual assessment of the risk of refoulement before deportation.

UN Human Rights Warns of Continued Attacks and Civilian Suffering

UN Human Rights expressed concern on Wednesday, October 14th, over continued Israeli military operations in southern Lebanon and the daily destruction of homes, educational and healthcare facilities, water distribution networks, and agricultural land in areas that Israeli forces continue to occupy.

The statement said some of the documented conduct amounted to large-scale violations of international humanitarian law and that some incidents may amount to war crimes or other crimes under international law. It cited Ministry of Public Health figures recording 4,387 people killed and 12,424 wounded between March 2nd and October 11th, 2026.

Shelling and Airstrike Affect Towns Across Southern Lebanon

Israeli artillery struck the outskirts of Shaqra, Wadi al-Salouqi, the Arayesh area between Haris and Hadatha, Mansouri, Majdal Zoun, and the outskirts of Hadatha and Baraachit on Wednesday, October 14th. Machine-gun fire was also directed toward Buyout al-Siyad.

Warplanes later struck the outskirts of Hadatha, where Israeli forces also carried out sweeping gunfire. Further artillery shelling targeted Beit Lif, Wadi al-Ghadir and Mansouri.

Thursday 15 October 2026

Farmers Prevented from Reaching Olive Groves as Attacks Continue

An Israeli force ordered farmers from Kfar Shouba to leave the Azrail and Bastara areas after they entered to harvest olives on Thursday, October 15th. The encounter prevented the farmers from accessing their agricultural land.Israeli artillery also targeted Mansouri and Majdal Zoun at dawn, following overnight shelling around Zibqin, Shaqra, Baraachit, Haris and Hadatha. Warplanes struck Kfar Tibnit, while intermittent artillery fire affected Jarmaq. Israeli forces later set fire to several houses on the outskirts of Baraachit and carried out an explosion in Wadi Zibqin.

Human Rights Commission and Education Minister Discuss Schools, Prisons and Displacement Shelters

The National Human Rights Commission met Education Minister Rima Karami on Thursday, October 15th, to discuss a national human-rights education project for public and private schools.

The meeting also addressed education and vocational training in prisons and rehabilitation centres, including recommendations from the Commission's visit to the Warwar juvenile facility. The Commission called for regular programmes adapted to detainees' ages and needs, continuity when detainees are transferred, and links to recognized qualifications and post-release education.

The Commission also recommended safe and adequate alternatives for displaced people living in schools, appropriate alternatives for affected students, and non-discriminatory access to education for displaced children. Karami expressed readiness to cooperate on the proposed project and recommendations.

Campaign Calls for Labour Protections for Platform Workers

The National Human Rights Commission presented its campaign for Lebanon to ratify ILO Convention No. 193 on decent work in the platform economy during Bread&Net 2026 in Beirut on Thursday, October 15th.

The campaign calls for fair remuneration, occupational safety, freedom of association and collective bargaining, protection against retaliation, access to complaints and remedies, and the inclusion of platform workers regardless of how their employment status is classified.

It also calls for transparency in algorithmic decisions affecting income, task allocation, performance ratings and account access, together with human review, a right to challenge decisions and protection of workers' personal data.

Friday 16 October 2026

Drone Missiles Hit Residential Building as Tank Shells Religious Seminary

An Israeli quadcopter fired two missiles at the roof of an occupied residential building in Mayfadoun on Friday, October 16th. The first failed to explode, allowing emergency teams to evacuate the residents before the second missile struck. No injuries were reported. A Merkava tank separately fired a shell at a religious seminary on the outskirts of Aita al-Jabal.

Earlier, Israeli forces carried out two large explosions near a school in Kfar Tibnit and in Zawtar al-Sharqiya toward Nabatieh al-Fawqa. Artillery struck Jarmaq, the outskirts of Kfar Shouba, Wadi Sarbine and Wadi Zibqin, while Israeli military vehicles advanced toward the southern outskirts of Kfar Shouba.

An Israeli drone also dropped a stun grenade on the outskirts of Khiam, while artillery targeted the outskirts of Bint Jbeil.

Saturday & Sunday 17 and 18 October 2026

Explosions, Shelling and Airstrike Continue on Saturday

Israeli forces carried out two explosions on the outskirts of Aita al-Jabal at dawn on Saturday, October 17th, after detonating a complex of three villas in Jabal al-Hilal, east of Khiam, the previous night.

Artillery targeted Ain al-Samahiya between Zawtar al-Sharqiya and Mayfadoun. A drone later dropped a missile on the roof of a building in Zawtar al-Sharqiya after the town was shelled.

Israeli forces conducted intensive sweeping fire around the chalets area in Khiam, accompanied by the movement of military vehicles east of the town. An airstrike later targeted Bani Hayyan.

Human Rights Commission Calls for Reforms to Children's Access to Justice

On Sunday, October 18, Lebanon's National Human Rights Commission welcomed the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child's adoption of General Comment No. 27 on children's rights to access justice and effective remedies.

Drawing on its detention monitoring, the Commission cited concerns in Lebanon about children being held with adults, prolonged detention and insufficient safeguards during questioning. It called for reform of Law No. 422/2002, including raising the minimum age of criminal responsibility to at least 14.

The Commission also called for accessible information, specialized legal assistance, privacy safeguards and remedies responsive to children's physical, psychological and social needs.

Shelling and Machine-Gun Fire Target Mansouri and Zibqin

Israeli artillery shelled Mansouri and the outskirts of Zibqin in the Tyre district on Sunday. Israeli forces also carried out sweeping machine-gun fire from Al-Bayada toward Mansouri.

A large explosion was later heard in Qantara in the Marjayoun district.

REPORTING A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO CLDH

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You can also report an incident anonymously through our **website**.
When making a report, please ensure to include the followinginformation:



WHERE:
City/village, governorate, additional details (e.g. which prison)



WHAT:
Nature of the violation



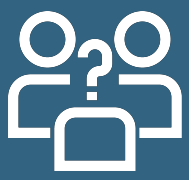
HOW:
A narrative description of what happened



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…)

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