

HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

22 April - 28 April 2024



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LEBANON

Monday
22 April 2024

Massive fire erupts in Syrian refugee camp near Zahle

A massive [fire](#) broke out on April 22, 2024, in a Syrian refugee [camp](#) near Al-Rehab complex in Zahle, Bekaa, prompting civil defense teams from all centers to provide support and assistance in extinguishing the blaze, according to a news report by the National News Agency.

Two slightly injured in air raid on a house in Sreefa

The National News Agency reported that [two](#) people were slightly [wounded](#) in the enemy air raid on a house in the southern Lebanese town of Sreefa, on 22 April, 2024.

Tuesday
23 April 2024

Israeli drone strike targets vehicle in Abu Al-Aswad region

An Israeli enemy drone on April 23, 2024 targeted a [car](#) in southern Lebanon's Abu Al-Aswad region, located north of the Litani River, resulting in the death of one individual, according to a news report by the National News Agency.

Two killed and six wounded in an Israeli raid on Hanine

The Israeli army [committed](#) a massacre in the southern town of [Hanine](#), during which a citizen and her niece were killed and 6 others were injured in a raid that targeted their house and completely destroyed it, according to a news report released on April 23, 2024 by the National News Agency. Warplanes carried out, at approximately 5:30 PM on April 23, 2024, a two-story house of citizen "Ahmad Ali Qashqash" in the town of Hanine, and fired two air-to-surface missiles at it, completely destroying it. It was inhabited by a family that had not left the town since the beginning of the Israeli attacks. Ambulance teams from the Islamic Health Authority, the Islamic Message Scouts, and the Civil Defense came to the scene and began searching for survivors under the rubble. They were able to pull out 5 wounded people and transport them to the "Martyr Salah Ghandour" Hospital in Bint Jbeil. A body belonging to the girl Sarah Qashqash was also recovered (11 years old), while the body of citizen Maryam Qashaksh was found under the rubble two hours after the raid occurred, and she was transferred to the "Martyr Salah Ghandour" Hospital.

Lands in South Lebanon that Israel Targeted with White Phosphorus

The Lebanese Ministry of Agriculture published a [map](#) showing the Lebanese towns targeted by the Israeli occupation with White Phosphorus on April 23, 2024, since the start of the aggression on October 8, 2024 until April 22, 2024. The map also shows where fires broke out as a result of the targeting.

Wednesday
24 April 2024

Health Ministry publishes cumulative report on health emergencies

Following up on the Israeli aggression on southern Lebanon, the Ministry of Public Health published on April 24, 2024, its cumulative emergency report, indicating that “as reported from hospitals and up to April 24, 2024, the number of casualties has reached 1359, including 344 deaths.” It also indicated that the toll for the past day was “3 casualties and 1 death.” The report added that “88% of cases were male, 95% Lebanese, 59% aged between 25 & 44,” adding that “the most frequent mechanism of injury is: blunt 45%, blast 32%, and chemical exposure 18%.

State security initiates eviction of Syrians from northern areas

The General Directorate of State Security [announced](#) in a statement that “after investigating the security [disturbances](#) caused by Syrian displaced persons in some areas in the north, State Security patrols implemented the decision of the North Governor to notify Syrians who do not meet the conditions for displacement, work or legal residence, the need to vacate the houses and places they occupy. Syrians in Kfifan and Koubba were notified of this, and the Syrians residing in Bastat al-Assi were evacuated after being notified of the need to evacuate for some time” according to a news report published on April 24, 2024 by the National News Agency.

Thursday
25 April 2024

One injured as drone strikes tanker truck in Baalbek

An Israeli drone strike targeted a fuel tanker truck in the plain of the Baalbek village of Douris, injuring the driver and damaging the vehicle, according to a news report released on April 25, 2024, by the National News Agency. The projectile landed on a berm near the road.

Israeli army shells forest of the town of Yaroun with phosphorus shells

Israeli artillery, shelled the forest of the town of Yaroun with phosphorus shells and light shells, which led to igniting a fire according to a news report released on April 25, 2024, by the National News Agency.

Human Rights Watch: Lebanon: Stepped-Up Repression of Syrians

Lebanese authorities have arbitrarily detained, tortured, and forcibly returned Syrians to Syria in recent months, including opposition activists and army defectors, Human Rights Watch said in a report released on April 25, 2024. Between January and March 2024, Human Rights Watch documented the forcible return of a Syrian army defector and an opposition activist by the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) and the General Directorate of General Security, the Lebanese security agency that controls entry and residency status for foreigners. In a separate case, the Lebanese military’s intelligence unit briefly held and allegedly tortured a Syrian man who had participated in a solidarity protest for women in Gaza. Other Syrian refugees are fighting to remain in Lebanon despite deportation orders and an increasingly hostile environment exacerbated by officials’ scapegoating of the refugee population. “Lebanese officials have for years imposed discriminatory practices against Syrians in the country as a way of coercing them to return to Syria, which remains unsafe,” said Ramzi Kaiss, Lebanon researcher at Human Rights Watch. “Arbitrarily arresting, torturing, or deporting Syrians who face a well-founded risk of persecution if returned are additional blights on Lebanon’s refugee record.”

Friday
26 April 2024

UNIFIL head reassures mayors of south-eastern Lebanon of continued support

Meeting mayors and religious authorities from seven municipalities of south-eastern Lebanon on April 25, 2024, UNIFIL Head of Mission and Force Commander Lieutenant General Aroldo Lázaro thanked attendees for their continued support for peacekeepers and reassured them of the mission's continued assistance in the face of evolving challenges, according to a news report released by the UNIFIL media center on April 26, 2024. During the meeting, held at a UNIFIL base in Ibl el-Saqi as the exchanges of fire across the Blue Line approached the seventh month, Lt. Gen. Lázaro heard their views and concerns about the situation. He heard that the current situation has further exacerbated economic and social hardships of the people, tens of thousands of whom have seen their lives upended as they have left villages near the Blue Line. "We are concerned about the continued exchange of fire across the Blue Line and its detrimental impact on civilians' lives, well-being, properties, and livelihoods," he said. Lt. Gen. Lázaro added that UNIFIL will continue to support these communities, and others in south Lebanon, by addressing their immediate and urgent needs and by working to return calm and stability in the area.

Saturday and Sunday
27 and 28 April 2024

Lebanese lawyer beaten and dragged in front of court by client's husband

Lawyer Suzie Bou Hamadan was violently assaulted in the Chiyah area of the southern suburbs of Beirut on April 25, 2024. She was beaten and dragged by her client's husband and father in front of the Jaafari court, according to a news report by Asharq Al-Awsat released on April 26, 2024. A video clip circulated on social media showing the moment of the attack, where the Lebanese lawyer appeared to be beaten and dragged, while a person was trying to pull a file from her possession.

Human Rights Watch: Lebanon: Ministerial Decision Advances Justice

Lebanon's Council of Ministers issued a decision on April 26, 2024, instructing the Foreign Affairs Ministry to file a declaration with the International Criminal Court (ICC) registrar accepting the court's jurisdiction to investigate and prosecute crimes within the court's jurisdiction on Lebanese territory since October 7, 2023, according to a report by Human Rights Watch released on April 27, 2024. The following quote can be attributed to Lama Fakhri, Middle East and North Africa director at Human Rights Watch: "The Lebanese government has taken a landmark step toward securing justice for war crimes in the country. The Foreign Affairs Minister should swiftly file a declaration accepting the International Criminal Court's jurisdiction and create a pathway for victims of war crimes, including those committed by Israeli forces, to obtain justice. This is an important reminder to those who flout their obligations under the laws of war that they may find themselves in the dock."

Journalist Karem Monzer brutally assaulted in Jiyeh

On the afternoon of Saturday, April 27, Beirut Today journalist Karem Monzer was attacked in Jiyeh by a group of men, who violently beat Karem and his friend, and attempted to shoot him afterwards, according to a news report released by Beirut Today.

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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