



HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

14 October - 20 October 2024



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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LEBANON

Monday
14 October 2024

21 killed and 8 wounded in the Israeli raid on Ayto, Zgharta District

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center of the Ministry of Public Health issued a statement on X on October 14, 2024, announcing that the Israeli raid on the town of Ayto in the Zgharta district led, in a preliminary toll, to the death of twenty-one people and the injury of eight people. DNA tests are being conducted to determine the identity of the remains that were removed from the site of the raid.

Lebanon: Security Council offers 'unanimous support' to UNIFIL peacekeepers

The head of UN Peace Operations on October 14, 2024, said ambassadors in the Security Council had given a "unanimous expression of support" to peacekeepers in Lebanon remaining in position along the Blue Line that separates south Lebanon from Israel, despite coming under fire, with five "Blue Helmets" sustaining injuries following attacks by Israeli forces, according to a news report by UN News.

Tuesday
15 October
2024

One killed and 30 wounded in the initial toll of the Israeli raids on the town of Qana

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center issued a statement on X on October 15, 2024, announcing that the successive Israeli raids on the town of Qana led, in a preliminary toll, to the death of one person and the injury of thirty others. The rubble removal work is still ongoing.

The UN says over 400,000 children in Lebanon have been displaced in 3 weeks by war

More than 400,000 children in Lebanon have been displaced in the past three weeks, a top official with the U.N. children's agency said on October 15, 2024, warning of a "lost generation" in the small country grappling with multiple crises and now in the middle of war.

The fighting in Lebanon has driven 1.2 million people from their homes, most of them fleeing to Beirut and elsewhere in the north over the past three weeks since the escalation. Ted Chaiban, UNICEF's deputy executive director for humanitarian actions, has visited schools that have been turned into shelters to host displaced families. "What struck me is that this war is three weeks old and so many children have been affected," Chaiban told The Associated Press in Beirut.

5 killed, including three children, and 16 wounded due to the Israeli raid on Rayak

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center of the Ministry of Public Health issued a statement on X on October 15, 2024, announcing that the Israeli raid on Rayak led to the martyrdom of five people, including three children, and the injury of sixteen others.

Wednesday
16 October
2024

[Lebanon crisis: UN human rights office calls for probe into Israeli strike](#)

The UN human rights office on October 15, 2024, called for an independent probe into an Israeli airstrike that hit an apartment block in northern Lebanon a day earlier that left a reported 22 dead, according to a news report by UN News. "What we're hearing is that amongst the 22 people who were killed were 12 women and two children," said Jeremy Laurence, spokesperson for the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). "We understand it was a four-storey residential building that was struck. With these factors in mind, we have real concerns with respect to [International Humanitarian Law], so the laws of war and principles of distinction, proportion and proportionality. In this case, [OHCHR] would call for a prompt, independent and thorough investigation into this incident."

[Mayor among 16 killed in Israeli strike on south Lebanon municipality building](#)

An Israeli airstrike destroyed the municipal headquarters in a major town in south Lebanon on October 16, 2024, killing 16 people including the mayor, in the biggest attack on an official Lebanese state building since the Israeli air campaign began, according to a news report released by Reuters.

[WHO: Attacks on hospitals and health workers jeopardize provision of health in Lebanon](#)

Since the escalation of hostilities between Israel and Lebanon on 17 September 2024, WHO has verified 23 attacks on health care in Lebanon that have led to 72 deaths and 43 injuries among health workers and patients, according to a news report released by WHO on October 16, 2024. Fifteen incidents impacted health facilities, while 13 impacted health transport. Hospitals in Lebanon are already under massive strain as they strive to sustain essential health services while dealing with an unprecedented influx of injured people. Understaffed and under-resourced, the health system has been struggling to maintain uninterrupted services to all those in need with supplies being depleted and health workers exhausted.

[UNIFIL: IDF Merkava tank fired at UNIFIL watchtower](#)

In a statement released on October 16, 2024, UNIFIL stated the following: "This morning, peacekeepers at a position near Kafer Kela observed an IDF Merkava tank firing at their watchtower. Two cameras were destroyed, and the tower was damaged. Yet again we see direct and apparently deliberate fire on a UNIFIL position. We remind the IDF and all actors of their obligations to ensure the safety and security of UN personnel and property and to respect the inviolability of UN premises at all times."

[Photographers Muhammad Ghaboun and Mohammad Bitar killed in Israeli airstrike](#)

Photographer Muhammad [Bitar](#) was killed on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, in the Israeli airstrike that targeted the municipal building in Nabatieh, southern Lebanon. Meanwhile, photographer Muhammad [Ghaboun](#) was killed on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, after being injured in an Israeli airstrike on the southern town of Qana, according to a news report released by SKeyes.

Thursday
17 October
2024

Two killed and 9 wounded due to the Israeli raid on Al-Yammouneh in Baalbek-Hermel

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center of the Ministry of Public Health issued a statement on X on October 17, 2024, announcing that the Israeli raid on the town of Yammouneh in Baalbek-Hermel resulted in the death of two people and the injury of nine others.

WHO in Lebanon working to stop cholera spread amid conflict

On 16 October, the Ministry of Public Health of Lebanon confirmed a [cholera case](#), highlighting the escalating health risks amidst ongoing conflict. The case was identified in Akkar governorate in the north of the country, marking the first case since the October 2022-June 2023 outbreak was declared over. Authorities are investigating the extent of the disease's spread, gathering samples from the patient's contacts, and assessing potential water contamination. "WHO has been sounding the alarm on the risk of emerging infectious diseases like cholera resurfacing in Lebanon as a result of poor water and sanitation conditions and the impact of the current conflict." said Dr Abdinasir Abubakar, WHO Representative in Lebanon. "Our immediate focus now is to *enhance surveillance and water sanitation conditions to interrupt transmission and prevent further spread.*"

ACHR Situational Update: Syrian Refugees in Lebanon

Syrian refugees in Lebanon are enduring significant challenges as the situation continues to deteriorate, creating an urgent need for humanitarian aid. ACHR's [report](#) outlines said challenges: "Displaced Syrians in Lebanon face numerous challenges imposed by local municipalities, including restrictions on renting housing and freedom of movement between cities. Many displaced Syrian refugees are unable to find shelter and are barred from entering Lebanese shelters due to discriminatory policies, as Minister Bassam Mawlawi repeatedly stated that shelters are reserved for Lebanese citizens only.

Friday
18 October
2024

Thursdays' Toll: 45 Killed and 179 Wounded

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center of the Ministry of Public Health issued a statement announcing that the Israeli raids on October 17 2024, on Lebanon resulted in the following detailed toll:

- South: 12 killed and 41 wounded
- Nabatieh: 25 killed and 88 wounded
- Bekaa: 3 killed and 14 wounded
- Baalbek-Hermel: 5 killed and 36 wounded

Which leads to the following total for October 17, 2024: 45 killed and 179 wounded. Therefore, the total number of martyrs since the beginning of the aggression until October 17 has risen to 2,412, and the number of wounded to 11,267.

Saturday and Sunday
19 and 20 October
2024

Two killed due to an Israeli raid in Jounieh

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center of the Ministry of Public Health issued a statement on X on October 19, 2024, announcing that an Israeli raid on a car in Jounieh led to the death of two people.

3 killed and one wounded due to an Israeli raid on Zafta in southern Lebanon

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center of the Ministry of Public Health issued a statement on X on October 19, 2024, announcing that the Israeli raid on Zafta in southern Lebanon resulted in the death of three people and the injury of one person.

Syrian journalist and deputy editor-in-chief of the New Opinion Workshop Lebanon platform, Alia Mansour, detained for several hours by the State Security Service

Syrian journalist and deputy editor-in-chief of the NOW Lebanon platform, Alia Mansour, was released after being detained for several hours by the State Security Service, in order to listen to her testimony regarding a fabricated account on which her picture was posted and from which a tweet was published in response to an Israeli figure, according to a news report by Samir Kassir Eyes released on X on October 19, 2024.

UNIFIL: IDF bulldozer deliberately demolished an observation tower and perimeter fence of a UN position in Marwahin

In a statement released on October 20, 2024 UNIFIL stated: "Earlier today, an IDF bulldozer deliberately demolished an observation tower and perimeter fence of a UN position in Marwahin. Yet again, we remind the IDF and all actors of their obligations to ensure the safety and security of UN personnel and property and to respect the inviolability of UN premises at all times. Yet again, we note that breaching a UN position and damaging UN assets is a flagrant violation of international law and Security Council resolution 1701. It also endangers the safety and security of our peacekeepers in violation of international humanitarian law."

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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