



## ► What are human rights?

Human rights represent a fundamental area of international law which developed following the atrocities committed during World War I and II. Amongst the first instruments is the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) - championed by Eleanor Roosevelt – marking the first time that a statement existed that human rights do not simply belong to the national level but exist on the international plane as well. Subsequently, human rights were defined internationally as we know them today – rights inherent to all human beings, regardless of the nationality, place of residence, sex, national/ethnic origin, colour, religion, language or any other status without discrimination. These rights are all universal, inalienable, interrelated, interdependent and indivisible. They are subject to national implementation and international protection. Therefore, it remains the responsibility of states to act in certain ways or to refrain from certain acts, in order to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms of individuals or groups.



### LOCAL

**Monday**  
26 July 2021

**Lebanon (Beirut)** – [Beirut neighborhood fixed but residents remain broken from the blast](#) Karantina's residents remain broken despite NGOs' and locals' help in the aftermath of the 4<sup>th</sup> of August Blast.

**Tuesday**  
27 July 2021

**Lebanon** – [Amid political turmoil, the Lebanese pound is on a roller coaster](#) After Saad Hariri's resignation, the Lebanese pound reached a record rate of LBP 24,000 against the dollar; this rate dropped suddenly a few days later.

**Wednesday**  
28 July 2021

**Lebanon** – [Lebanon declares day of mourning for Beirut blast anniversary](#) Lebanon declared a national day of mourning on August 4, the first anniversary of the catastrophic blast at Beirut Port.

**Lebanon** – [Arrest of a human trafficking gang between Lebanon and Syria](#) State security arrested a human trafficking gang between Lebanon and Syria in Achrafieh, consisting of three Syrians and one Lebanese.

**Thursday**  
29 July 2021

**Lebanon (Baalbek)** – [Woman shot dead in Baalbeck, father and uncle arrested](#) The lifeless body of a 20-year-old woman, shot dead, was found in a neighborhood of Baalbek, Beqaa.

**Lebanon** – [Deadly fires continue to ravage Akkar](#) A series of fires that broke out on Wednesday afternoon in several localities in Akkar, North Lebanon, leaving one person dead and several injured, have still not been brought under control.

**Friday**  
30 July 2021

**Lebanon** – [Fires in Akkar: the situation "almost under control"](#) After three consecutive days of fire in Akkar, in northern Lebanon, the situation is almost under control.

**CLDH** – [The Municipality of Ferzol retracted restrictions on Syrians](#) The head of the Municipality of Ferzol, Melhem Al-Ghassan, said he retracted the restrictions set on Syrians residing in Ferzol on May 19, 2021. CLDH announced in response the withdrawal of its report against him.

**Saturday and Sunday**  
31 July and 1 August  
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**Lebanon** – [EDL: Lebanon to slip into total blackout if fresh dollars not secured](#) State-owned Électricité du Liban (EDL) warned that Lebanon may face total blackout very soon if the authorities did not provide fresh US dollars to buy fuel oil and carry out maintenance on all the facilities.

**Lebanon** – [Three Hezbollah supporters killed in south Beirut clashes](#) At least three people were killed in an ambush on pro-Hezbollah mourners at the southern entrance of Beirut. The clashes erupted in Khaldeh, after the funeral of a Hezbollah member who was previously killed.



## REGIONAL Middle East

**Monday**  
26 July 2021

**Tunis** – [Protests in Tunis over deteriorating economy, health system](#) Violent demonstrations broke out in several Tunisian cities as protesters expressed their anger at the deterioration of the country's health, economic and social situation.

**Tunis** – [Police shuts down Al-Jazeera TV offices in Tunis](#) Following Tunisian President Kais Saied's announcement to freeze Parliament powers, police officers shut down the office of Al-Jazeera TV in the capital.

**Libya** – [UN: Dozens presumed dead after boat capsizes off Libya coast](#) A boat carrying migrants has capsized off Libya, leaving at least 57 people presumed dead, with 20 women and 2 children among those who drowned.

**Tuesday**  
27 July 2021

**Gaza** – [Gaza: Apparent War Crimes During May Fighting](#) Israeli forces and Palestinian armed groups carried out attacks during the May 2021 fighting that violated the laws of war.

**Iran** – [Iranians protest against the power and electricity cuts](#) Dozens of demonstrators in Tehran took the streets, shouting slogans against the power : "Neither Gaza nor Lebanon, my life for Iran".

**Tunisia** – [Tunisia: President's Seizure of Powers Threatens Rights](#) Tunisian President Kais Saied announced that he was dismissing Prime Minister Hichem Mechichi and suspending parliament, a threat to democracy, Human Rights Watch said.

**Saudi Arabia** – [Saudi Arabia: Sudanese Media Personality Jailed for Critical Tweets](#) A Saudi court sentenced a Sudanese media personality and journalist to 4 years in prison on June 8, 2021, for "insulting the state's institutions and symbols".

**Wednesday**  
28 July 2021

**Occupied Palestine** – [Israeli forces kill Palestinian man in occupied West Bank](#) Shadi Salim, 41, has been killed in Israeli gunfire in the occupied West Bank, the scene of confrontations between protesters and Israeli forces for weeks.

**Turkey** – [Fresh refugee arrivals in Turkey renew anti-migrant sentiments](#) A growing number of Afghans are arriving in Turkey, putting pressure on Brussels-Ankara deal on migrants.

**Syria** – [Syria war: Germany charges Syrian doctor with torture and crimes against humanity](#) A Syrian doctor living in Germany, 'Alaa M', has been charged with crimes against humanity - including torture and one case of murder - for his role in the Syria war.

**Thursday**  
29 July 2021

**Iraq** – [Iraq: Five crew killed in helicopter crash during combat mission](#) Five Iraqi soldiers were killed when their helicopter crashed during a "combat mission" north of Baghdad in operations against suspected Islamic State sleeper cells.

**Occupied Palestine** – [Palestinian Authority's standing slides amid growing frustration](#) A protest movement against Palestinian Authority's corruption and authoritarianism is gaining momentum in the occupied West Bank.

**Iran** – [Iran: Deadly Repression of Khuzestan Protests](#) The rising death toll and mass arrests raise grave concerns about the Iranian authorities' response to recent protests in Khuzestan and other provinces, Human Rights Watch said.

**Friday**  
30 July 2021

**Egypt** – [Hunger-striking US activists demand Egypt halt politicised executions](#) A group of American activists are staging a hunger strike near the UN, demanding Cairo to halt the executions of 12 men, including some senior Muslim Brotherhood members.

**Occupied Palestine** – [Israeli forces wound more than 250 Palestinian protesters](#) About 270 Palestinian protesters have been injured, mostly by tear gas, in confrontations with Israeli troops in the occupied West Bank.

**Bahrain** – [Rights groups call on Bahrain to release prominent hunger striker](#) Human rights groups have urged Bahrain to release a key opposition figure, Abdul Jalil al-Singace, saying he has been on hunger strike since July 8 over "ill-treatment".

**Saturday and Sunday**  
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**Egypt** – [Egypt: Renewed Judicial Harassment of Rights Defenders](#) Egyptian authorities have summoned at least 5 prominent human rights defenders during July 2021 for questioning as part of a decade-old criminal investigation, using Case 173 of 2011 to prosecute them, Human Rights Watch said.

**Iran** – [Iran grants clemency to over 2,800 prisoners to mark Eid](#) Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has granted clemency to more than 2,800 jailed convicts to mark two Muslim religious holidays, Eid al-Adha and Eid al-Ghadir.

**Turkey** – [Turkish officials deny ethnic motive in murder of seven Kurds](#) Turkish authorities said that 10 suspects have been arrested over the killing of 7 people from an ethnic Kurdish family in Turkey's central Konya province. Family members say the attack was ethnically motivated.



## INTERNATIONAL

### Monday

26 July 2021

**New Zealand** – [New Zealand to accept return of woman linked to ISIL \(ISIS\)](#) New Zealand announced it would accept the return of Suhayra Aden, a woman linked to ISIS and her two young children, after Australia revoked her former dual national's citizenship last year.

**Pakistan** – ['When the blood starts': Spike in Ahmadi persecution in Pakistan](#) Attacks and blasphemy cases against Pakistan's Ahmadi sect spike, driven by the rise of a far-right group and a religious campaigner.

**Mali** – [Man accused of trying to kill Mali president dies in custody](#) A man accused of trying to kill Mali's military strongman Assimi Goita, the figure behind two coups in less than a year, has died in custody.

**France** – [Why NGOs are Suing France for Police Discrimination](#) France has failed to prevent ethnic profiling by police during identity checks, 6 French and international human rights organizations denounced.

### Tuesday

27 July 2021

**Myanmar** – [Myanmar: Junta Escalates Media Crackdown](#) Releasing a video about the media crackdown, Human Rights Watch denounced Myanmar's military junta of prosecution of journalists and assault on independent media.

**Hong Kong** – [Hong Kong awaits verdict in first national security trial](#) Tong Ying-kit is charged for being a "terrorist" who seriously injured police after he ignored commands, only few hours after a broad national security law imposed by Beijing was enforced.

**Afghanistan** – [UN fears unprecedented civilian casualties in Afghanistan in 2021](#) Since the Taliban's armed attack in Afghanistan, the UN fears that many civilians will be killed during fights in 2021.

**United States (New York)** – [Victory Against Child Marriage in New York State](#) New York State's Governor Andrew Cuomo signed legislation to end child marriage and to raise the minimum age of marriage to 18 without exceptions.

**Wednesday**  
28 July 2021

**Chile** – [Chile: Rulings Uphold Rights of Deported Venezuelans](#) The Chilean government should stop summary deportations of Venezuelans and ensure that any deportations comply with international human rights law, Human Rights Watch warned.

**Nigeria** – [Nigeria: Covid-19 Impact Worsens Hunger in Lagos](#) The economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic has worsened the plight of families living in poverty in Lagos State, Nigeria and left many people struggling to afford food and meet other basic needs.

**India** – [India: Release Detained Myanmar Asylum Seekers](#) Indian authorities are illegally detaining Myanmar asylum seekers and have not yet investigated the deaths of two women who had fled Myanmar and died in custody in June 2021, Human Rights Watch said.

**Ethiopia** – [Ethiopia: Somali region says hundreds 'massacred' by Afar militia](#) Fighters from the Afar region attacked and looted the town of Gedamaytu.

**Thursday**  
29 July 2021

**South Sudan** – [South Sudan: Summary Executions in North](#) South Sudanese security forces summarily executed at least eight suspected criminals, including two children, as part of their anti-crime campaign in Warrap state, Human Rights watch said.

**Nigeria** – [Nigerian court acquits Shia leader el-Zakzaky of all charges](#) A Nigerian court has acquitted the leader of a banned Shia group Islamic Movement of Nigeria (IMN), el-Zakzaky, of all eight criminal charges against him. He and his wife have been in detention since 2015.

**Ethiopia** – [Eritrean refugees in Ethiopian capital protest insecurity at Tigray camps](#) Hundreds of Eritrean refugees protested, calling on the United Nations refugee agency to relocate friends and family who they say are trapped in two refugee camps by fighting in the Tigray region.

**United Kingdom** – [Detained Biafra separatist's family complain to UK over lack of assistance](#) The family of Nnamdi Kanu, a secessionist leader and British citizen who is detained in Nigeria, has accused Britain of failing to provide him with consular assistance.

**Friday**  
30 July 2021

**World** – [Unchecked Spyware Industry Enables Abuses](#) Following the NSO Group's Pegasus spyware scandal of surveillance of dozens of journalists, human rights activists demonstrate the urgent need for governments to suspend the trade in surveillance technology, Human Rights Watch said.

**Bangladesh** – [Attacks, land grabs leave Bangladesh's Indigenous groups on edge](#) Indigenous groups and activists say the communities suffer from gross human rights violation. As an example, Agrojoyoti Bhante was brutally attacked by two machete-wielding men on May 31.

**Myanmar** – [Food fears for displaced and locked down in Myanmar's Rakhine](#) Lockdowns imposed to curb the spread of COVID-19 have left villagers in Myanmar's western Rakhine State unable to get enough food to eat.

**Hong Kong** – [Hong Kong man sentenced to 9 years in prison in first national security case](#) The first person convicted under Hong Kong's national security law will face nine years in prison for terrorist activities and inciting secession.

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**Myanmar** – [Myanmar: Coup Leads to Crimes Against Humanity](#) Myanmar's military junta has committed numerous abuses against the population that amount to crimes against humanity in the six months since the February 1, 2021 coup, Human Rights Watch said.

**Malaysia** – [Malaysia: Hundreds take to the streets in anti-government protest](#) Hundreds of Malaysians took the streets to protest a government ban on public gatherings under coronavirus curbs.

**Ethiopia** – [Ethiopian parents living in agony as students stranded in Tigray](#) Thousands of Ethiopian parents have been living in agony over the fate of their children who remain stranded in various universities across the conflict-hit Tigray region.