



► 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
June 7th, 2021

Beirut – [Aoun okays \\$197 million treasury loan to avoid blackout in Lebanon](#) President Michel Aoun validates a \$197 million loan to important fuel and prevent a total electricity blackout in the country.

Lebanon – [France opens investigation into Lebanon's central bank governor](#) France starts an investigation on the governor of the Lebanese central bank, Riad Salamé, after suspicions of corruption and money laundering in the midst of an economic crisis.

Tuesday
June 8th, 2021

Lebanon – [Nasrallah says Hezbollah ready to go to Iran to seek fuel](#) Hezbollah's secretary general, Nasrallah, announced that Hezbollah would be willing to go to Iran to get fuel, given the severe shortage in Lebanon.

Lebanon - [Berri: Decisive week for Cabinet formation](#) Parliament speaker, Nabih Berri, said that a new government must be formed quickly to deal with the unprecedented economic crisis in the country.

Lebanon / France – [France to host mid-June meeting to gather support for Lebanese army](#) France will hold a virtual conference on June 17th to gather support for the Lebanese army, as the economic crisis has led the army to its quasi-collapse.

Wednesday
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Lebanon – [Protesters Block Roads across Lebanon over Dire Situations](#) Protests and roadblocks took place throughout the country, focusing mainly on the price of the dollar, electricity shortages, and gasoline.

Lebanon/ Iraq - [Report: Iraq Agrees to Secure Half of Lebanon's Oil Needs](#) Iraq approves the deal to support Lebanon's electricity company by providing 500,000 tons to one million tons.

Thursday
June 10th, 2021

Lebanon – [The Lebanese Struggle for Medicine](#) Lebanon is struggling to provide medicine, as stocks continue to decrease.

Lebanon/ France - [Creation of an Employment Project for Vulnerable Individuals](#) A new project aimed at the social integration of vulnerable people impacted by the crisis has been launched in cooperation with France.

Friday
June 11th, 2021

Tripoli – [Talking sexual harassment with Tripoli's taxi drivers](#) Taxi drivers in Tripoli have been attending awareness workshops about sexual harassment organized by Mousawat, a local NGO.

Lebanon – [No more kidney dialysis? Lebanese hospitals issue warning](#) Hospitals warned that they may have to postpone kidney dialysis due to shortages. George Ghanem, medical officer at the American University, said "It is a crime against humanity".

Lebanon - [Lebanon electricity crisis: 'Disaster in the making'](#) Electricity in Lebanon is on the edge of collapse due to a lack of political solutions. The government continues to throw funds at the issue instead of fixing the deep-rooted problem in the energy sector.

Saturday and Sunday
June 12th and 13th,
2021

Lebanon – [Lebanon stops Syrians attempting illegal sea crossing](#) The Lebanese army intercepted a boat holding 11 people, including 10 Syrian refugees and 1 Lebanese national, who were attempting to flee the country.

Beirut – [Sit-In Protests in Front of BDL](#) Activists started a sit-in in front of the *Banque du Liban* to demand access their funds.

Lebanon/ CLDH - [World Day Against Child Labor](#) CLDH publishes a statement about child labor in Lebanon (international conventions, reasons behind child labor in Lebanon, statistics).



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Israel - [Israeli attorney general will not intervene in Sheikh Jarrah case](#) Avichai Mendelbit, Israel's attorney general, has informed the supreme court that he will not intervene in the Sheikh Jarrah case in which five Palestinians were expelled from their homes.

Palestine - [Palestinian village pays high price in defence of its land](#) In the small village of Beita in the West Bank, Israeli settlers have vandalized property, provoked villagers, and destroyed olive trees, where 17 Palestinian families have been living for multiple generations.

Egypt - [Egypt denies emergence of new bird flu strain](#) Egypt denies the presence of a new H10 bird flu in the country, despite numerous suspicions on social media and online.

Iran - [Iran cleric who helped found Hezbollah dies](#) Ali Akbar Mohtashamipour, one of the founders of Hezbollah died at the age of 74.

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Saudi Arabia - [Saudi Arabia: Halt imminent execution of young man](#) In response to the plan to execute Mustafa al-Darwish, a participant in 2011/2012 riots, Amnesty International calls to halt these plans. This planned execution goes against the kingdom's progress, as it reduced executions by 85 percent in 2020.

Syria - [Eleven Syrian regime fighters killed in Israeli attack on Homs](#) An Israeli attack on the province of Homs killed 11 Syrian fighters.

Iran - [Torture victims detail suffering at hands of Iranian election candidate](#) Citizens speak out about the torture perpetrated by presidential candidate Ebrahim Raisi, current head of the judiciary branch. He is also accused of having a central role in the 1988 massacre of Iranian prisoners.

Iran - [Political prisoner 'unfit' for jail dies in Iran](#) A man serving jail time for political offense has died in custody, due to neglect of his medical conditions.

Israel - [Israel frees Jordanian bus bomber after 20 years](#) After twenty years behind bars for bombing a bus in Tel Aviv, Palestinian- Jordanian Abdullah Abu Jaber was released and received a warm welcome from his community. He was the longest-serving Jordanian prisoner in an Israeli jail.

Wednesday
June 9th, 2021

Gaza Strip - ['She screams when someone comes near': Gaza children in trauma](#) Children in Gaza are still traumatized by the 11 days of Israeli strikes during the month of May. Half of Gaza's population is under 18 and many are traumatized by years of conflict.

Occupied Jerusalem - [Fire rages near Jerusalem, villages evacuated](#) A large fire in the suburbs of the city led to multiple villages being evacuated, and mobilized dozens of firefighters.

Israel/ Palestine / United States - [US asks Israel, Palestinians to avoid 'provocations' after Jerusalem march approved](#) The United States calls to avoid "provocations" and continue the ceasefire as Jerusalem approves a nationalist march this Sunday.

Thursday
June 10th, 2021

Israel/ West Bank – [Three Palestinians killed in clash with Israeli forces](#) Three Palestinians were killed by Israeli forces in the Northern West Bank.

Tunisia – [Drowned migrants get 'dignified' burial in Tunisia cemetery](#) A cemetery for drowned migrants in the South of Tunisia is already half full, even before its official opening.

Yemen - [US Yemen envoy condemns 'brutal' Houthi attacks on civilians](#) Tim Lenderking, US special envoy in Yemen condemns the brutality of Houthi attacks on civilians in recent times in the Marib province.

Israel/ Palestine - [Demolishing Palestinian homes for an Israeli religious theme park](#) Housing for over 1, 500 people in Silwan risks demolition for the construction of a religious amusement park.

Israel/ Palestine - [Israeli forces kill Palestinian officers in 'undercover mission'](#) Three Palestinians were killed, two of which were intelligence officers, in an Israeli raid in Jenin City.

Bahrain - [Hundreds protest in Bahrain over prisoner's death](#) Protests erupted in Diah village over the death of Husain Barakat, a political prisoner, on Tuesday.

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Algeria - [Algeria to elect parliament amid protest movement boycott](#) Parliamentary elections will be held despite the wave of protests and election boycotts. The previous election generated less than forty percent of turnout and citizens have boycotted national elections ever since.

Saudi Arabia - [Saudi Arabia to allow women to live alone without male guardian](#) In a new and milestone legal amendment, women in Saudi Arabia will be allowed to live alone without a male guardian.

Palestine/ West Bank - [15-year-old Palestinian shot dead by Israeli soldiers](#) A 15-year-old boy was shot dead by Israeli soldiers in the West Bank during clashes.

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Yemen - [Houthis fired 55 Iranian-made ballistic missiles at Marib since start of 2021: Yemen information minister](#) Moammar Al-Eryani, Yemen's Information Minister, called out the Houthi militia for using 55 Iranian ballistic missiles since the start of 2021 in Marib, and killing 344 civilians.

Algeria - [Election for 'new Algeria' gets low turnout amid opposition boycott](#) Turnout was low this Sunday when Algerians were supposed to vote for a new parliament. Pro-democracy activists and opposition forces boycotted the election.

Syria - [Shelling kills 16 in northern Syria's Afrin: Monitor](#) The city of Afrin in Northern Syria was shelled this Saturday and at least 16 people died, including multiple children.

Algeria - [Algeria cancels France 24's operating license: State media](#) The government cancelled the France 24 accreditation, a day after parliamentary elections. The news channel was accused of diffusing false information and failing to respect journalism ethics.



INTERNATIONAL

Monday
June 7th, 2021

Nigeria – [Nigeria's Twitter Ban Follows Pattern of Repression](#) Last week's decision to ban Twitter was criticized by activists for restricting freedom of expression.

Cameron – [Cameroonian Human Rights Lawyer Detained on Bogus Terrorism Charges](#) It has been a year since the incarceration of human rights lawyer, Amungwa Tanyi Nicodemus. He has still not been released.

Myanmar – [Villages empty, civilian armed groups rise in eastern Myanmar](#) Military attacks in south-eastern regions of Myanmar have pushed inhabitants into the jungle to seek refuge during the coup.

China – [China policies 'could cut millions of Uighur births in Xinjiang'](#) According to a new report, Chinese contraception policies could prevent up to 4.5 million pregnancies in twenty years, especially for Muslim Uighurs and ethnic minorities in southern Xinjiang. Several governments and organisations have qualified these policies as genocide.

Tuesday
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Canada – [Canada anti-Muslim attack: 'It could have been any one of us'](#) Three adults and two children from the same family were targeted in an Islamophobic terror attack during an evening walk in Ontario on Sunday.

Indonesia – [Indonesian Law Hampers Mosque Construction](#) Muslims in Indonesia protested this week as authorities blocked the construction of a Mosque in Sragen village in East Java.

Cambodia – [Cambodia: Lockdowns Hit Low-Income Families Hard](#) Lockdowns in Cambodia have disproportionately affected the poor and the unemployed. Research conducted by HRW demonstrated that people still struggle to make ends meet, despite the international obligation to provide an adequate standard of living.

Burkina Faso – [Armed Islamists' Latest Sahel Massacre Targets Burkina Faso](#) An Islamist attack in the northeastern province of Yagha has killed over 140 people. Islamist -group attacks in the Sahel have killed more than 500 civilians since the beginning of the year.

Wednesday
June 9th, 2021

Myanmar – [UN warns of 'mass deaths' in Myanmar after 100,000 flee fighting](#) The United Nations has warned of “mass deaths from starvation, disease and exposure” in Eastern Myanmar after a military attack forced many to flee their homes.

Kyrgyzstan - [Kyrgyzstan: Missing Dual Turkish-Kyrgyz Citizen Risks Torture, Removal to Turkey](#) Human Rights Watch calls for investigation regarding the disappearance of Orhan Inandi, the founder of educational institutions. They are concerned that he may have been deported to Turkey.

Colombia - [Colombia: Egregious Police Abuses Against Protesters](#) Human Rights Watch calls for more attention to Colombian human rights, as the police have committed serious offenses towards protesters this year.

Afghanistan - [Ten mine-clearing workers killed in Afghanistan gun attack](#) Ten mine workers were killed and sixteen others were wounded by masked gunmen in the northern region of the country, in the HALO Trust charity camp.

Thursday
June 10th, 2021

South Korea – [Nine dead after bus crushed in South Korea building collapse](#) A least nine people were killed, and others were wounded in the city of Gwangju when a building collapsed on a bus.

Bangladesh - [Bangladesh to monitor TikTok after girls lured by traffickers](#) Bangladesh has started to monitor activity on the social media platform TikTok after a human trafficking network was uncovered in neighboring India.

Ethiopia - [Ethiopia: Boy Publicly Executed in Oromia](#) Ethiopian forces publicly executed a 17-year-old boy in the Oromia region, in broad daylight.

Burma - [Douze morts dans le crash d'un avion militaire](#) Twelve people lost their life in a military aircraft crash, due to poor weather conditions.

France - [Macron: Barkhane mission ending, French presence to stay in Sahel](#) France will change the nature of its military Barkhane presence in the Sahel. It will focus more on cooperation and counter-terrorism.

Denmark - [Denmark: Refugee grandmother told to return to Syria](#) A Palestinian/Syrian refugee, grandmother, and retired nurse living in Denmark since 2013 was urged to leave the country and return to Damascus.

Friday
June 11th, 2021

Brazil - [Brazil: Failure to Respond to Education Emergency](#) The government has mismanaged education during the Covid-19 pandemic, and millions of students still do not attend school.

Colombia - [Former Colombia leader asks pardon for army killings of civilians](#) Former President Juan Manuel Santos asks for forgiveness for the killing of thousands of people during his term.

United States/ Mexico - [US and Mexico are putting migrant minors in 'harm's way': report](#) Amnesty International publishes a report demonstrating that the US and Mexico have put children in danger by forcing them to return home alone and denying access to asylum.

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Niger - [Niger: Attack on Seini Oumarou's home kills guard](#) Seini Oumarou, president of Niger's National Assembly, was attacked by two men in his home. One of his guards was killed and another was injured.

Nigeria - [Gunmen storm villages, kill dozens in Nigeria's Zamfara state](#) Assailants raided several villages in the Zamfara state and killed 53 people. The group targeted residents, farmers, and those who attempted to run away.

Afghanistan - [Seven killed in twin van bomb blasts in Afghanistan's Kabul](#) Bombings in the Western area of Kabul killed 7 and injured six. The neighborhood is home to the Hazara ethnic minority, which has been particularly targeted.

Nicaragua - [More opposition leaders arrested in widening Nicaragua crackdown](#) More opposition leaders have been arrested in sight of this year's elections.