



## ► 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**  
8 March 2021

**Lebanon** – [Lebanon registers 43 coronavirus deaths, 2,823 new cases](#)  
Lebanon recorded 43 more coronavirus-related deaths and 2,823 further cases.

**Beirut** – [UNICEF, France Development Agency to restore Karantina public hospital](#)  
UNICEF and the French Development Agency, in partnership with Lebanon's Health Ministry, signed a grant agreement kicking off plans to restore and complete the Karantina University public hospital.

**Lebanon** – [Angry protesters block roads across Lebanon - Aoun calls on Army to prevent road blocks](#)  
On the seventh consecutive day of civil disobedience angry demonstrators blocked key roads across the country, in the largest coordinated protest against the economic and financial meltdown. President Michel Aoun called on the Lebanese Army and security forces to intervene and implement the law "without any hesitation" in order to reopen blocked roads around the country.

**Lebanon** – <https://fb.watch/4g6xZbp9J3/>  
On the International women's day, CLDH posted a video addressing the legal obstacles prohibiting women from access to justice and equality in Lebanon.

**Tuesday**  
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**Lebanon** – [Lebanon's COVID-19 cases surpass 400,000 - Lebanon has administered 84,108 vaccines, with 2,520 people receiving two doses](#)  
Lebanon recorded 45 more coronavirus-related deaths and 3,939 further cases, bringing the total number of cases to over 400,000 cases. The country has yet administered 84,108 vaccines, with 2,520 people receiving two doses.

**Lebanon** – [Abiad warns Lebanon hospitals once again running low on oxygen](#)  
The director of Rafik Hariri University Hospital, warned that hospitals around Lebanon are full of COVID-19 patients and are once again facing dangerously low levels of oxygen.

**Lebanon – [Lebanon protests enter second week as crisis persists - Lebanese pound down as protests enter second week](#)**

As the dollar traded at LL10,450 on the black market, Lebanon entered its second week of countrywide coordinated protests and roadblocks against the stark deterioration of economic and financial conditions in the country continue for the eighth consecutive day.

**Wednesday**  
10 March 2021

**Lebanon – [Lebanon registers 46 coronavirus deaths, 3,581 new cases](#)**

Lebanon recorded 46 more coronavirus-related deaths and 3,581 further cases.

**Lebanon – [Lebanese Army clears roadblocks to end a week of protests](#)**

Lebanese Army troops cleared roadblocks eight days after protesters burned tires and parked vehicles to block highways the main highway linking Beirut to south Lebanon and to the northern city of Tripoli in anger over the country's economic meltdown and political deadlock.

**Thursday**  
11 March 2021

**Lebanon – [Lebanon registers 50 coronavirus deaths, 3,518 new cases](#)**

Lebanon recorded 50 more coronavirus-related deaths and 3,518 further cases.

**Lebanon – [Lebanon threatened with total darkness: Ghajar](#)**

Caretaker Energy Minister Raymond Ghajar warned that Lebanon was threatened with complete darkness if more financing was not approved by President Aoun in order to generate electricity as reserves from 2020 are quickly running out.

**Lebanon – [Universal Periodic Review-2020](#)**

CLDH publishes recommendations in the "Universal Periodic Review-2020" on Women's Rights in Lebanon.

**Friday**  
12 March 2021

**Lebanon – [Lebanon receiving 92,000 Oxford-AstraZeneca jabs next week: Bizri](#)**

As a much-needed boost to the country's slow paced vaccination campaign, Lebanon will be receiving 92,000 jabs of the Oxford-AstraZeneca-developed coronavirus vaccine next week.

**Lebanon – [Lebanon registers 48 coronavirus deaths, 2,930 cases](#)**

Lebanon Thursday recorded 48 more coronavirus-related deaths and 2,930 further cases.

**Beirut – [Protesters march to Parliament as Lebanon crisis persists](#)**

More than 1,000 protesters marched from the Interior Ministry in Hamra toward the Parliament in Downtown Beirut calling for the formation of a transitional government as Lebanon's leaders have been unable to stem the free-falling local currency.

**Lebanon – [Lebanon Crisis Response Plan appeals for \\$2.75B](#)**

Caretaker Minister for Social Affairs and Tourism Ramzi Moucharafieh and the UN launched the 2021 update of the Lebanon Crisis Response Plan 2017-2021, appealing for \$2.75 billion to provide humanitarian assistance to people affected by the Syria crisis, as well as invest in Lebanese public infrastructure, services and local economy.

**Saturday and Sunday**  
13 and 14 March  
2021

**Lebanon – [Lebanon registers 56 new coronavirus deaths, 3,523 cases](#)**

Lebanon recorded 56 new coronavirus deaths and 3,523 further cases on Saturday.

**Lebanon – [Lebanese protesters take to the streets as local currency dives - Lebanese pound hits new record at LL12,350 rate](#)**

Hundreds of protesters gathered in Martyrs' Square in Downtown Beirut and marched toward the Beirut Port as the Lebanese pound hit an unprecedented low in value Saturday, trading for as high as LL12,400 against the dollar on the black market.

**Lebanon – [Angry protesters block roads in south Lebanon after pound collapse](#)**

Protests continue as dozens of people took to the streets of Sidon Sunday and blocked roads with burning tires, in protest against the deterioration of living conditions.

**Lebanon – [Lebanon registers 46 COVID-19 deaths, 3,086 new](#)**

Lebanon recorded 46 new coronavirus deaths and 3,086 further cases on Sunday.



Monday  
8 March 2021

**Syria** – [Aid group: Syrians could be displaced for years to come - 10 years on, no peace after war in Syria](#)

After a decade of violence and human tragedy, the Syrian conflict has resulted in the largest displacement crisis since World War II, with an estimated 2.4 million people having fled in and outside Syria every year since the war began in 2011 and the number will be higher if large military operations resume, the Norwegian Refugee Council said.

**Syria** – [Activists in race to save digital trace of Syria war](#)

From videos of regime bombardments, executions by jihadists and chemical attacks, Al-Mutez Billah's YouTube page served as a digital archive of the Syrian war and a vital window into a conflict which has remained largely off limits to journalists. In 2017 an automated takedown software erased it permanently because the content violated the YouTube's community standards and could not be restored because Al-Mutez Billah, a citizen-journalist, had been executed by the Islamic State group over his documentation efforts.

**Yemen** – [Deadly fire rips through migrant facility in Yemen: UN](#)

According to the United Nations migration agency, at least eight people, including guards, died and more than 170 were injured in a fire at a migrant detention facility in Sanaa.

Tuesday  
9 March 2021

**Tunisia** – [At least 39 die as two migrant boats sink off Tunisia](#)

At least 39 migrants died, and 165 others have been rescued by the coastguard when two boats sank off Tunisia's Sfax coast. They were trying to cross the Mediterranean to the Italian island of Lampedusa.

**Iran** – [Freed academic describes 'psychological torture' in Iran](#)

Kylie Moore-Gilbert, a British-Australian academic imprisoned by Iran on a spying conviction was freed after serving 804 days of a 10-year sentence, where she said having endured "psychological torture".

**Iran** – [With internet shutdown, Iran seeks to limit protest outcry](#)

According to several activists, the government now uses the repeated internet shutdown to crackdown protests. The demonstrations erupted on February 22, and live ammunition was used on unarmed protesters.

**Algeria** – [Algeria students return to streets in pro-democracy protest](#)

The revived "Hirak" movement entered its third week of rallies as hundreds of students and pro-democracy supporters demonstrated in the capital.

**Palestine** – [Palestinian hospitals fill up as Israel loosens COVID-19 restrictions](#)

As Palestinian hospitals are overfull of COVID-19 patients, authorities have introduced a full lockdown, contrasting with Israel that has begun to lift restrictions after carrying out one of the fastest vaccination campaigns in the world.

**Iran** – [US sanctions two Iranian officials for 'gross rights violations'](#)

US has sanctioned two officials from Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps by barring them from entering the territory. They are allegedly involved in human rights violations against Iranian political prisoners and protesters.

Wednesday  
10 March 2021

**Bahrain** – [Bahrain police beat, threaten detained children with rape, rights groups say](#)

Human rights group said Bahraini security forces have beaten children and threatened them with rape and electric shocks. They were detained after last month protests for the anniversary of a 2011 pro-democracy uprising.

**Saudi Arabia** – [Saudi court upholds rights activist al-Hathloul's sentence at appeals hearing](#)

A Saudi court upheld the original sentence of six years in prison under broad cybercrime and counterterrorism laws of Loujain al-Hathloul, a women's rights activist who had championed women's right to drive and for an end to Saudi Arabia's male guardianship system.

**Thursday**  
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**Libya** – [Libyan military frees more than 100 migrants from traffickers](#)

At least 120 migrants and refugees, mostly Egyptians, held captive by human traffickers in Bani Wali city have been freed by Libyan security forces.

**Occupied Palestine** – [Video shows Israeli troops detaining Palestinian children](#)

Israeli forces detained five Palestinian children in a field near a settlement outpost in the occupied West Bank and released them after several hours.

**Friday**  
12 March 2021

**Egypt / United States** – [US joins West in rare criticism of Egypt on human rights abuses](#)

Western countries joined by the US called on the Egyptian government to lift curbs on freedoms of expression and assembly, to stop using the counter-terrorism laws to prosecute activists, journalists and perceived political opponents and to unconditionally release them.

**Occupied Palestine** – [Gaza fishermen killed by Israeli drone caught in nets, Hamas says](#)

According to the Hamas-run Interior Ministry in Gaza, the three Palestinian fishermen who died in an offshore explosion on Sunday had encountered an Israeli drone loaded with explosives that had fallen into the sea and blew up in their nets.

**Iraq** – [Iraq's protests and the technology of resistance](#)

Amid killings, arrests and disappearances, Iraqi civil society has adapted to survive and turned to technological innovation for protection as the lack of digital privacy can have deadly repercussions.

**Iran** – [Iran arrests producers over controversial music video](#)

Iranian authorities have arrested multiple music producers connected to Sasy, a California-based Iranian pop singer over his new music video featuring a US porn star.

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**Yemen** – [Calls for international probe into fire at Sanaa detention centre](#)

A leader of the Ethiopian community in Yemen's capital has called for an international investigation into a fire that tore through a migrant detention center in Sanaa last week killing at least 44 people, mostly Ethiopian migrants.

**Iran** – [Iran: Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe appears in court over new charge](#)

Tehran court hears new charge of 'propaganda against the establishment' against the British-Iranian aid worker Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, who was previously held in Iran on spying charges.

**Saudi Arabia** – [Saudi Arabia announces changes to Kafala system](#)

Long-awaited labour reforms in Saudi Arabia went into effect as authorities say foreign workers will be able to switch jobs without their employers' permission. Critics however say abuses will continue as long as work and residence visas are tied to a "Kafeel" or sponsor.

**Afghanistan** – [Car bomb in Afghanistan's Herat province kills several](#)

A powerful car bomb outside a police station in western Afghanistan has killed at least eight people and severely wounded more than 50 others.



## INTERNATIONAL

**Monday**  
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**Myanmar** – [Three protesters killed in Myanmar, shops and factories closed](#)

According to the UN witnesses, three demonstrators were killed, two of them died of gunshot wounds to the head in Myitkyina, raising the number of police and military victims to 50 since last month's military coup. Meanwhile, the while shops, factories and banks were closed in Yangon and security forces were deployed at hospitals and universities, state media said.

**India** – [Thousands of Indian women join farmers' protests against new laws](#)

Thousands of female farmers joined protests by farmers on the outskirts of New Delhi and hold sit-ins and a hunger strike on International Women's Day against new agricultural laws.

**Democratic Republic of Congo** – [ICC awards \\$30m to victims of DR Congo rebel leader Ntaganda](#)

International Criminal Court judges have awarded \$30m in reparations to direct and indirect victims of Bosco Ntaganda a Congolese rebel leader convicted of crimes such as rape and sexual slavery.

**India** – ['Repeat of what happened in Myanmar': India detains 160 Rohingya](#)

Authorities in the Jammu area of Indian-administered Kashmir send more than 160 Rohingya refugees to 'holding center', as members of the persecuted minority claimed the move was a "repeat of what happened with them in Myanmar".

**Tuesday**  
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**Philippine** – [Nine activists were killed on what's being called "Bloody Sunday"](#)

At least nine activists have been killed during police raids in the northern Philippines just two days after President Rodrigo Duterte ordered government forces to "kill" and "finish off" all communist rebels in the country.

**France / Polynesia** – [French nuclear tests infected 'almost entire Polynesian population': report](#)

France concealed the levels of radioactivity during the French nuclear tests in the Pacific from 1966 to 1996 have had a true impact on the health of Polynesians for more than 50 years.

**Spain** – [Five die on migrant boat bound for Canary Islands](#)

According to the dozens African migrants intercepted by the coastguard off the Canary Islands on board a rickety boat, at least five people died en route, although only one body was recovered, Spanish officials said.

**Worldwide** – [WHO study finds 1 in 3 women face physical, sexual violence](#)

A report of the UN health agency and its partners outlined that nearly one in three women worldwide experience physical or sexual violence in their lifetimes.

**Senegal** – [In Pictures: Violent clashes continue in Senegal](#)

Senegalese police fired tear gas to disperse thousands of stone-throwing opposition leader Ousmane Sonko's supporters in a central square in Dakar.

**India** – [127 Indian Muslims charged with 'terror' acquitted after 19 years](#)

Arrested in Gujarat state under anti-terror law while attending a seminar on Muslim education, they were accused of having links with a banned group.

**United States / Venezuela** – [US offers temporary protected status to thousands of Venezuelans](#)

The Biden administration will allow hundreds of thousands of Venezuelan migrants in the United States to apply for temporary protection and to work legally.

**Greece** – [Street battles in Greece after march against police violence](#)

More than 5,000 people marched on Tuesday in the capital's Nea Smyrni neighbourhood to protest against police brutality after video showed a police officer beating a man with a baton.

**Myanmar** – [Myanmar party official dies in custody amid torture allegations](#)

Zaw Myat Linn, an official from deposed Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy, is the second party figure to die in detention in recent days.



**Wednesday**  
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**South Africa** – [One killed as police clash with protesting students](#)

A passerby has been killed in Johannesburg when South African police fired rubber bullets at protesters rallying against fees at the University of the Witwatersrand.

**Equatorial Guinea** – [Rights groups urge independent probe into cause of Bata blasts](#)

Rights groups have called for a transparent and independent investigation into a series of massive explosions in Equatorial Guinea's main city of Bata and says actual death toll 'much higher' than official figures indicating 105 deaths.

**Worldwide** – [Developing nations demand equal access to coronavirus vaccines](#)

Richer countries hoarding excess doses, preventing South Africa, India, and more than 100 other nations ones from getting vaccinated this year.

**Myanmar** – [‘Shoot till they are dead’: Police who fled Myanmar reveal orders](#)

Police officers who fled to India tell how the military ordered them to shoot at protesters with his submachine gun to disperse them in the Myanmar town of Khampat on February 27 .

**United States** – [Iowa journalist arrested covering BLM protest acquitted](#)

Jury acquits Andrea Sahouri after less than two-hour deliberation in a case that critics have described as an attack on press freedom and an abuse of prosecutorial discretion. The journalist was pepper-sprayed and arrested by police while covering a Black Lives Matter protest.

**Brazil** – [Brazil hits new daily COVID deaths record as crisis escalates](#)

Brazil has once again recorded a single-day record with more than 2,280 coronavirus-related deaths.

**Thursday**  
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**United States** – [Minneapolis agrees to pay \\$27m to George Floyd's family - Third-degree murder charge reinstated in George Floyd murder case](#)

The Minneapolis city council voted unanimously to pay \$27m to settle a lawsuit filed by George Floyd's family as former Minnesota policeman Derek Chauvin will face second and third-degree murder and manslaughter charges.

**United Kingdom** – [Sarah Everard: Missing woman's case sends UK into shock](#)

A police officer has been arrested on suspicion of murdering 33-year-old Sarah Everard after suspected human remains have been found during the search.

**Myanmar** – [Seven dead in Myanmar as Amnesty accuses army of 'killing spree' - Myanmar military 'murdered' at least 70 since coup: UN](#)

Seven people were killed when security forces opened fire on a protest in Myaing, witnesses and local media said, as rights group Amnesty International accused the military of adopting battlefield tactics against peaceful demonstrators and the UN special rapporteur for Myanmar cited growing evidence of crimes against humanity including murder, persecution and torture.

**Friday**  
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**Nigeria** – [Gunmen abduct dozens from forestry college in northwest Nigeria](#)

30 college students have been kidnapped at the Federal College of Forestry Mechanization in Afaka, in Nigeria's fourth mass school abduction since December.

**Russia** – [Kremlin critic Alexey Navalny 'moved from jail'](#)

Alexey Navalny has been moved from a jail where he had been held in quarantine for the past several weeks to a penal colony to serve his sentence for parole violations.

**Myanmar** – [Fears grow for hundreds of students arrested in Myanmar protests](#)

Detained protesters are thought to be in Insein prison but have been unable to see any lawyers or their families.

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**Russia** – [Russian police detain dozens at opposition forum](#)

the authorities' crackdown on dissent continues as Russian police have detained more than 170 participants of a forum organized by an 'undesirable' organization.

**Netherlands** – [Police break up anti-lockdown protest ahead of Dutch elections](#)

A day before elections in Netherlands, police use water cannon and batons to disperse several thousand anti-lockdown protesters from a field in The Hague.

**Salvador** – [The abortion cases that could force El Salvador to loosen its ban](#)

Amid a 'green wave' of decriminalization in Latin America, lawyers are fighting for the release of one of the dozens of women imprisoned for abortion-related crimes in El Salvador. A case that could indicate whether the country will move towards decriminalization of abortion in the region.

**Sri Lanka – [Sri Lanka to ban burqa, shut more than 1,000 Islamic schools](#)**

The Minister for public security says it will ban the wearing of the burqa and close more than 1,000 Islamic schools for 'national security' reasons. Activists denounce this action that affects the country's minority Muslim population.

**United States – [US protesters demand justice a year after Breonna Taylor killing](#)**

Hundreds of demonstrators rallied in Louisville, demanding justice on the anniversary of the death of Breonna Taylor who was shot and killed by police, as US President Joe Biden urges Congress to pass 'meaningful police reform'.