

## HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

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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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**Monday** 18 November 2024

#### Four men assault Al Arabiya correspondent Mohammad Al-Baba in Sidon

On Sunday, November 17, 2024, four young men assaulted Al Arabiya correspondent Mohammad Al-Baba while he was reporting from the Sidon seaside corniche. They seized his phone, smashed it, and threw his microphone to the ground before he could begin his live broadcast, according to a news report released by Samir Kassir Eyes on November 18, 2024.

#### <u>Journalist Nabil Mallouk injured and his home damaged in an Israeli airstrike on</u> Tyre

Journalist Nabil Mallouk, who works for several media outlets, including An-Nahar newspaper, was injured on Sunday, November 17, 2024. He sustained glass shard injuries to his hand and foot, and his home was damaged following an Israeli airstrike that targeted a building near his residence at the Jumblatt Roundabout in the city of Tyre, according to a news report by Samir Kassir Eyes released on November 18, 2024.

#### Two paramedics killed in Qana

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center issued a statement on X on November 18, 2024, announcing that the Israeli army continued to violate international laws and humanitarian norms and launched an airstrike targeting a positioning point of the Islamic Health Association - Civil Defense in the town of Qana, which led to the death of two paramedics.

#### Israeli strike in Beirut kills five

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center of the Ministry of Public Health issued a statement on X on November 18, 2024 announcing that the Israeli <u>raid</u> on Zuqaq al-Blat in Beirut resulted in a second, non-final, updated death toll of <u>five</u> people.

**Tuesday** 19 November 2024

## <u>Lebanese Army: three soldiers killed in the Israeli strike on army base in Sarafand</u>

The Lebanese Army announced that three of its soldiers were killed in the Israeli strike on its base in Sarafand, Saida district on November 19, 2024.

### <u>UNIFIL Statement: peacekeepers and facilities were targeted in three separate</u> incidents

In a statement released on November 19, 2024, UNIFIL said the following:"UNIFIL peacekeepers and facilities were targeted in three separate incidents in south Lebanon today, with four peacekeepers injured in one of the incidents. Four Ghanaian peacekeepers on duty sustained injuries as a rocket – fired most likely by non-State actors within Lebanon – hit their base "UNP 5-42" in the east of the village of Ramyah. The peacekeepers sustained injuries and three of them have been transferred to a hospital in Tyre for treatment. In another incident, UNIFIL Sector West Headquarters in Shama was impacted by five rockets, which struck the maintenance workshop. Although it caused heavy damage to the workshop, no peacekeeper was injured. This was the second time this UNIFIL base was impacted by the ongoing clashes in the area in less than a week. A 155mm live artillery shell hit the base on 15 November. Lastly, when a UNIFIL patrol was passing through a road northeast of the village of Khirbat Silim, an armed person directly fired at the patrol. No injury is reported among the peacekeepers in this incident."

#### More than 200 children have been killed in the past two months

In a press briefing at the Palais des Nations in Geneva on November 19,2024, UNICEF Spokesperson James Elder said the following:"

"Despite more than 200 children killed in Lebanon in less than two months, a disconcerting pattern has emerged: their deaths are met with inertia from those able to stop this violence."For the children of Lebanon, it has become a silent normalization of horror. In an effort to break that. Let's look at just the past 10 days for children in Lebanon. "On Sunday 10 November: Seven children were killed from the same extended family. The family of 27 – all killed – was seeking shelter in Mount Lebanon after fleeing violence in the south."On Monday, two more children were killed with their mother. Ten were injured."On Tuesday: 13 children were killed. 13 more were injured, including 8 year old Ahmad who is now the only survivor of the strike."On Wednesday: 4 children were killed, again having sought to flee fighting in the south."On Thursday: 3 children were killed, 13 were injured."Last Saturday, 16 November: 5 children were killed, including 3 from the same family. Among the injured, Celine Haidar, a young football player in the National Lebanese team. She is in a coma due to a shrapnel in her head, from a missile that hit Beirut while she was trying to flee the area."And on Sunday: two 4-year-old twin girls were killed. Indeed, over the past two months, more than three children have been killed in Lebanon, on average, every day. Many, many more have been injured and traumatized.

**Wednesday** 20 November 2024

#### A paramedic was killed and three others were injured in Kafr Dunin

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center of the Ministry of Public Health issued a statement on X on November 20, 2024 announcing that the Israeli army continued to violate international laws and humanitarian norms and launched an airstrike targeting a positioning point of the Islamic Health Association - Civil Defense in the town of Kafr Dunin, which led to the death of a paramedic and the injury of three others.

## The Criminal Investigation Department summons journalist Firas Hatoum and media personality Nancy Al-Sabaa over their journalistic work

The Head of the Criminal Investigation Bureau, Brigadier General Nicolas Saad, <a href="mailto:summoned">summoned</a> the founder of the "Tafaseel" website, journalist <a href="mailto:Firas">Firas</a>. Hatoum, on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, to appear before him tomorrow, Thursday. This summons is in relation to a complaint filed against him by the "Sirta" company over a journalistic investigation titled "The Pager Raid." He also requested the presence of Hatoum's wife, media personality Nancy Al-Sabaa, who did not participate in the investigation.

Meanwhile, The Alternative Press Syndicate Gathering affirmed, in a statement issued on  $\underline{X}$ , its solidarity with Firas Hatoum and Nancy Al-Sabaa and its support for their decision not to appear before the Criminal Investigation Department, as this is considered a violation of Article 29 of the Publications Law, which stipulates that investigations into cases related to the press are exclusively within the jurisdiction of investigating judges.

#### **Thursday** 21 November 2024

#### Israel pounds eastern and southern Lebanon as truce talks continue

Israeli air raids have killed dozens of people in the Baalbek region in eastern Lebanon, a local official said, as a United States mediator sought to advance ceasefire talks in Israel. At least <u>47</u> people were killed and 22 others wounded in the attacks, Bachir Khodr, governor of Lebanon's Baalbek-Hermel province, said in a post on <u>X</u> on Thursday. Rescue operations were under way, he added. Elsewhere in Lebanon, Beirut shook as Israeli air strikes hit the southern suburbs about a dozen times, sending up clouds of debris in some of the most intense air strikes yet.

## **Friday**22 November 2024

## WHO:More health workers and patients have been killed proportionally in Lebanon than in Ukraine and Gaza

Since 7 October 2023, 47% of attacks on health care – 65 out of 137 – have proven fatal to at least one health worker or patient in Lebanon, as of 21 November 2024. This is a higher percentage than in any active conflict today across the globe – with nearly half of all attacks on health causing the death of a health worker, according to a news report by the World Health Organization released on November 22, 2024. According to the SSA, 226 health workers and patients were killed in Lebanon and 199 injured between 7 October 2023 and 18 November 2024.

## <u>Daraj Media: Journalist Musab Al-Yassin obtained 7 testimonies confirming that the Syrian regime arrested people returning from Lebanon</u>

Journalist Musab Al-Yassin obtained 7 <u>testimonies</u> confirming that the regime arrested people <u>returning</u> from Lebanon, riding in military vehicles between Homs and Aleppo, who ended up in the prisons of the Assad regime's intelligence, while their relatives were the target of extortion operations by military personnel and influential people in the regime's forces, according to a news report by Daraj Media. Al-Yassin also confirmed that 22 families in northwestern Syria received calls from people in areas controlled by the regime after their loved ones who returned from Lebanon were arrested. The callers claimed that they were either lawyers or workers in the courts of Damascus or Aleppo and that they had access to release detainees in exchange for amounts ranging between \$3,000 and \$10,000, half of which was paid before the detainee was released.

Saturday and Sunday 23 and 24 November 2024



#### Israeli drone strike kills two people on the shores of Tyre

In a new crime against civilians and unarmed people, an Israeli drone strike killed <a href="two">two</a> people on the shores of Tyre on November 23, 2024, according to a news report by Megaphone New. The National News Agency <a href="reported">reported</a> that the targets were fishermen walking on the beach. One of them was killed immediately and the other succumbed to his injuries.

#### Dozens killed by Israeli strikes in Lebanon, including 29 in central Beirut

Dozens of people have been killed by Israeli strikes in Lebanon this weekend, including 29 who died after an attack flattened a multi-story residential building in central Beirut, according to a news report by CNN citing Lebanese officials. In the densely populated Basta area of the Lebanese capital, rescue workers were Saturday searching for survivors under the rubble after the attack featuring what the state-run National News Agency (NNA) said were "bunker-busting" bombs. At least 66 people were injured in the strike, according to Lebanon's Ministry of Health, while a Lebanese security source told CNN that no senior Hezbollah member was in the building leveled. The ministry revised the death toll from the attack upward Sunday, having previously reported that 20 people had died.

#### Israeli artillery targets Army checkpoint in Tyre

A Lebanese soldier was <u>killed</u>, and 18 others were injured in al-Amariya, near Tyre, after Israeli artillery targeted their checkpoint in the area, according to a <u>news</u> report by Megaphone News. The army said in a <u>statement</u> that the site sustained significant damage, and fires erupted in the weapons storage facilities. Rescue teams from the Al-Risalah transported one of the injured to a local hospital.

# 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** 

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
- o **HOW**: A narrative description of what happened
- WHEN: Date of the episode (at least the year, if day and month are unknown)
- o **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.

