

HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

24 June - 30 June 2024



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LEBANON

Monday
24 June 2024

Israeli shelling injures Islamic Health Organization firefighter in south Lebanon

The Israeli military on Monday June 24, 2024, targeted a Civil Defense team from the Islamic Health Organization in the southern Lebanese town of Taybeh with artillery fire as they were extinguishing a blaze. One team member was injured by shrapnel in the chest and was immediately transported to the hospital for treatment.

Journalist Youssef Diab subjected to a campaign of threats and defamation

Since Sunday, June 23, 2024, journalist Youssef Diab has been subjected to an incitement, defamation, and threat campaign on social media platforms. This backlash stems from an interview he conducted on the Arabic "Sky News" station, where he discussed a Telegraph report alleging Hezbollah's stockpiling of missiles at the airport, according to a report published by Samir Kassir Eyes on June 24, 2024. In a statement, Diab said: "Regarding the unprecedented campaign being waged against me through social media, including defamation and calls for personal and physical revenge following the publication of an excerpt from my interview on Sky News Arabic commenting on the Telegraph report and allegations of Hezbollah missile storage at the airport. Firstly, no one can question my patriotism and hostility towards the terrorist state of Israel, which commits massacres around the clock in southern Lebanon, Palestine, especially in Gaza and Rafah. Secondly, it is my right as a Lebanese citizen and a journalist to highlight the danger of Israeli intentions and to warn of the suspicious timing and content of the Telegraph report, which could provide Israel with a pretext to target Beirut's Rafik Hariri International Airport. Thirdly, everyone knows perfectly well that Beirut Airport has strict security measures due to its proximity to the southern suburbs of Beirut, and this threat must be taken seriously. Fourthly, I hold accountable the Lebanese judiciary, official security agencies, and those behind this defamation campaign. My clear political stance rejects turning Lebanon alone, without the rest of the Arab and Islamic countries, into a front supporting Gaza and involving it in a war whose consequences Lebanese cannot bear. This stance does not change my national, religious, humanitarian, and ethical convictions against the terrorism practiced by Israel yesterday, today, and until judgment day. Lastly, it is unacceptable for the smear campaign, distortion of facts, and inversion of realities to continue, and this responsibility lies with the state and its official institutions."

Tuesday
25 June 2024

Three UNIFIL contractors subjected to gunfire incident near Chamaa

Deputy chief of UNIFIL's Strategic Communications and Public Information Office, Kandice Ardiel, said in a statement published by the National News Agency on June 25, 2024 that "earlier today (Tuesday), three UNIFIL contractors returning home from our Sector West headquarters in Chamaa had their vehicle hit by gunfire. Fortunately, there were no serious injuries." "We reiterate our condemnation of any attack on civilians, or any action that puts civilian lives in danger. This includes the locals who continue to reside in their villages and provide essential services to support peacekeepers in their work," she added. "We have already seen too many injuries and deaths as a result of the exchanges of fire. We urge all actors involved in the conflict to cease their fire and work toward a diplomatic solution to bring the violence to an end," Ardiel urged.

Joint Statement: Lebanon Must End Practices of Refoulement and Torture

In recent years, the Lebanese authorities have subjected Syrian refugees in the country to increasingly coercive measures, including arbitrary arrests, forced evictions, and summary deportations. These arbitrary and restrictive measures against Syrian refugees have been accompanied by hateful rhetoric and misinformation propagated by government officials and media entities, fueling tensions between the Lebanese host community and Syrian refugees. On the occasions of World Day for Refugees on June 20th and the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture on June 26th, the undersigned organizations urge the Lebanese authorities to respect their international obligations and ensure that all instances of torture and ill-treatment are effectively investigated and that unlawful deportations of Syrian refugees are immediately halted.

Thursday
27 June 2024

Owner of a candy store in southern Lebanon arrested for harassment of minors

The owner of a candy store in southern Lebanon has been apprehended on suspicion of "harassing a 17-year-old minor in one of the southern towns", announced the Internal Security Forces (ISF) in a news report on June 27, 2024. According to the ISF statement, the suspect, a Lebanese national born in 1957, was arrested following reports of alleged sexual harassment involving underage girls at his candy shop in southern Lebanon. "During interrogation, the man confessed to harassing an underage girl inside his candy store," ISF officials disclosed. "He also confessed to similar actions involving another minor."

Mapping 7,400 cross-border attacks between Israel and Lebanon

According to the Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project (ACLED), Israel, Hezbollah and other armed groups in Lebanon exchanged at least 7,400 attacks across the border from October 7, 2023, to June 21, 2024, according to a news report released on June 27, 2024 by Al Jazeera. Israel conducted about 83 percent of these attacks, totalling 6,142 incidents, killing at least 543 people in Lebanon. Hezbollah and other armed groups were responsible for 1,258 attacks that killed at least 21 Israelis. Israel has attacked these locations in southern Lebanon the most:

- Aita al-Shaab – 300 attacks
- Ras al-Naqoura – 246 attacks
- Houla – 219 attacks
- Kfarchouba – 218 attacks
- Kfar Kila – 209 attacks

Friday
21 June 2024

Air raids target a house in Shihin

Israeli warplanes launched on June 28, 2024 an air raid targeting a house in the southern Lebanese town of Shihin, Tyre District. Instantly, ambulances headed towards the targeted location. Additionally, Israeli warplanes launched an air raid targeting the southern Lebanese town of Kfar Kila, completely destroying a three-story building in said town. An Israeli drone also threw incendiary shells on the "Arab Al-Thamar" agricultural project behind Tallet Al-Hamames in Al-Wazzani, igniting fire in it.

Saturday and Sunday
22 and 23 June 2024

Israeli army fires phosphorus shells on outskirts of bordering southern towns

The Israeli army fired phosphorus bombs on the outskirts of the bordering towns in the eastern sector, especially Talusa, Bani Hayyan, and Markaba in the Marjayoun district. The bombing led to the outbreak of fires in the targeted area.

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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