



HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

16 September - 22 September 2024



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LEBANON

Monday
16 September
2024

One killed and four injured in the raid on Houla

The Operations Center for Public Health, affiliated with the Ministry of Public Health, issued an update on the toll from the Israeli raid on the town of Houla, which resulted in the death of one person and four injuries. Three of the injured were hospitalized for treatment, while the fourth was treated in the emergency department, according to a news report by the National News Agency published on September 16, 2024.

Emergency Health Operations Center: Two injured from the Civil Defense - Scouts of the Message in Tair Harfa

The Operations Center for Public Health, affiliated with the Ministry of Public Health, announced in a statement that two paramedics from the Civil Defense - Scouts of the Message sustained minor injuries when the Israeli enemy targeted their team with a mortar shell while they were performing their humanitarian duty to assess the effects of the raid that had been launched by the enemy on the town of Tair Harfa, according to a report by the National News Agency.

The paramedics were transported to the hospital for necessary treatment. In this context, the Ministry of Public Health condemned "the Israeli insistence on targeting Civil Defense teams while they are fulfilling their humanitarian duties, despite the fact that international law and established war norms prohibit such attacks and criminalize them." The Ministry renewed its call for the international community and international health organizations to "take a clear stance condemning this aggression, which leaves no room for carrying out essential and urgent humanitarian health tasks."

Tuesday
17 September
2024

Thousands across Lebanon injured in pager explosions

At least nine people were killed and more than 2,800 injured on Tuesday afternoon when Hezbollah pagers across Lebanon simultaneously exploded, according to a provisional toll provided by Lebanon's caretaker Health Minister Firas Abiad on September 17, 2024. The blasts occurred in several areas, including Beirut's southern suburbs, areas in southern Lebanon, and the Bekaa Valley areas, with the majority of injuries in the hands", according to a news report by the National News Agency released on September 17, 2024.

Three dead and two injured in a raid on Blida

The Operations Center for Public Health, affiliated with the Ministry of Public Health, issued a statement on 17 September 2024 announcing that "the Israeli raid on the town of Blida resulted in the death of three people and the injury of two others, according to a news report by Annahar.

Wednesday
18 September
2024

12 killed and about 2800 injured, according to an updated report provided by Minister of Public Health

The Minister of Public Health in the caretaker government, Dr. Firas Al-Abyad, announced an updated toll regarding the security and technical aggression carried out by Israel on September 17, 2024, during a press conference held at the Ministry of Public Health.

The toll announced on September 18, 2024, is as follows: "Twelve (12) killed, including two children, a girl aged eight and a boy aged eleven.

The number of injured ranges between 2750 and 2800, as names are being verified across multiple hospitals during the distribution of the injured. Among the injured, 750 are in the south, 150 in the Bekaa, and 1850 in the Beirut and suburbs areas, with individuals of varying ages.

About ten percent of the injured, less than three hundred (300), are in very critical condition, with many in intensive care due to facial injuries affecting their breathing, necessitating mechanical ventilation, and several suffering from brain hemorrhages.

Of the 1800 injured who required hospitalization, around two-thirds needed to be admitted.

Among the 1800 who were admitted, four hundred and sixty (460) required surgeries, either on their eyes, face, or limbs, particularly hands, where multiple operations were performed to amputate hands or fingers.

Lebanon rocked again by exploding devices

Walkie-talkies exploded in Beirut and other parts of Lebanon on September 18, 2024, in a second wave of attacks targeting devices a day after pagers used by Hezbollah blew up, state media and officials for the militant group said, according to a news report by the Associated Press. At least 20 people were killed and more than 450 wounded in the second wave, the Health Ministry said.

Thursday
19 September
2024

Minister of Health Presents a Total of the Two Days of the Hostile Security Breach: 37 killed and 2931 Wounded

Minister of Public Health Dr. Firas Al-Abyad held a press conference in which he discussed the details of the health response to the hostile security breach carried out by the Israeli army over two consecutive days. He presented a final and overall toll of the deaths and injuries of those affected as a result of this breach.

In total, over the two days, 37 were killed and 2931 were injured.

The toll for the breach on September 17:

- Number of killed: 12
- Number of injured: 2323, distributed as follows: 824 treated in the emergency room and returned home; 156 required hospitalization for monitoring and were discharged after twenty-four hours; 1343 injured with moderate to severe injuries, among them 226 still in intensive care and 1117 in regular rooms for recovery after surgeries they underwent or waiting for additional surgeries they need.
- A total of 955 surgical procedures were performed, with more surgeries to be conducted.

Minister Al-Abyad noted that the following day, September 18, witnessed explosions from larger wireless devices than the previous day, resulting in more severe injuries to those affected.

The toll for the breach on September 18:

- Number of killed: 25
- Number of injured: 608, including 360 treated in the emergency room and returned home; 187 admitted to the hospital in stable condition, with 61 still in intensive care.
- A total of 141 surgical procedures have been performed so far.

The Minister of Public Health added that 64 hospitals participated in receiving the injured.

Friday
20 September
2024

Israeli airstrikes targeted a building in the Jamous area in Beirut's southern suburb

Israeli airstrikes targeted a building in the Jamous area in Beirut's southern suburb, with eyewitnesses reporting hearing four explosions at the site, according to a news report released by Megaphone News on September 20, 2024. The Israeli army announced in a [post](#) on X/Twitter that it "conducted a targeted strike in Beirut."

Security Council holds emergency session over Lebanon

The Security Council met in emergency session on September 20, 2024, following Israeli strikes on the Lebanese capital Beirut and in the south, which have left at least a dozen dead. It comes amid an uptick in cross-border fire between Hezbollah and Israeli forces - and two days of deadly wireless device explosions targeting members of the militant group. UN Spokesperson Stéphane Dujarric warned the region now stands "on the brink of a catastrophe", according to a news report published by UN News.

Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights: I am appalled by the attacks on 17 and 18 September in Lebanon on civilians

In a speech delivered at the UN Security Council on September 20, 2024, Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, stated the following: "I am appalled by the breadth and impact of the attacks on 17 and 18 September in Lebanon on civilians, where the explosion of pagers, two-way radios, and other electronic devices have reportedly killed at least 37 people, including two children, and injured more than 3,400 people in Lebanon alone, leaving many with permanent disabilities and healthcare facilities struggling to cope with the magnitude of the impact on people.

These attacks represent a new development in warfare, where communication tools become weapons, simultaneously exploding across marketplaces, on street corners, and in homes as daily life unfolds. Authorities have reportedly dismantled unexploded devices in universities, banks, and hospitals.

This has unleashed widespread fear, panic, and horror among people in Lebanon, already suffering in an increasingly volatile situation since October 2023 and crumbling under a severe and long standing economic crisis."

Saturday and Sunday
21 and 22 September
2024

Individual killed in the Israeli raid on Hamoul

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center of the Ministry of Public Health issued a statement announcing the death of a person of Syrian nationality in the Israeli raid on Hamoul on September 21, 2024.

Minister of Public Health: Seventy killed is the total toll from three days of consecutive Israeli attacks

The Minister of Public Health in the caretaker government, Dr. Firas Al-Abyad, announced that 'the total toll from the recent Israeli attacks (the raid on the suburb and the cyber attack over two days) amounts to seventy dead,' emphasizing the 'necessity of not targeting civilians', according to a news report by the National News Agency.

At least 45 killed in Israeli strike on suburb in Lebanon's Beirut

The death toll from an Israeli air attack in Beirut's southern suburbs has risen to 45 people, including three children and seven women, Lebanese authorities say, according to a news report by Al Jazeera. "The number of dead has risen to 45 people," Lebanon's health ministry said on September 22, 2024, updating an earlier toll of 38 from the Friday attack.

60 airstrikes on the villages of the Nabatieh district

The National News Agency reported that Israeli warplanes carried out extensive aerial aggression, launching a series of airstrikes targeting border towns and open areas in the south and Western Bekaa on September 22, 2024. More than 60 airstrikes were recorded, concentrated in the valley between Ansar and Al-Zrariyeh, Ayta Shaab (where two houses belonging to the Ibrahim family were completely destroyed), the valley adjacent to the Nabatieh-Khardali road, the area between Al-Maaliya and Al-Malakiyeh, the outskirts of Zebqin towards Shihin, Wadi Hassan at the outskirts of Majdel Zoun, the outskirts of Yater, the outskirts of Taybeh, Markaba, Talousa, and the city of Khiam, the outskirts of Kafr Mlakki, and the course of the Al-Tasa spring in the Loueizeh area, as well as the outskirts of Froun, Al-Mahmoudiyeh, the outskirts of Labaya, the Damascus area, and the outskirts of Rabat Al-Thalathin, Yaroun, and the town of Adaisseh.

REPORTING A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO CLDH

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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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