



# HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

9 September - 15 September 2024



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## LEBANON

**Monday**  
9 September  
2024

### MoPH: 4 injured in Israeli airstrikes on Hanine

Four people have been injured in two Israeli airstrikes on the Bint Jbeil town of Hanine, the Ministry of Public Health's Emergency Operations Center reported on September 9, 2024.

### General Directorate of State Security in the North evacuates 3 towns of refugees

According to a news report by the National News Agency, patrols from the State Security – Batroun Office evacuated the towns of Rachana, Niha, and Kfour Al-Arabi of Syrian refugees, on September 9, 2024. This followed prior warnings about the need to vacate. The evacuation operations were carried out without any reported incidents.

### Lebanon's ex-central bank chief Salameh to remain detained amid probe

A judge ordered Lebanon's former central bank chief Riad Salameh to remain in [detention](#) amid a [probe](#) into alleged financial crimes committed during his tenure, including embezzlement of public funds, according to a news report by Reuters released on September 9, 2024.

Investigative judge Bilal Halawi took the decision after questioning Salameh for the first time since he was taken into custody last week on charges that state media said included embezzlement, forgery and illicit enrichment.

**Tuesday**  
10 September  
2024

### Government meeting postponed after retired military personnel stage protest in Beirut

The meeting of the caretaker government of Najib Mikati, scheduled for Tuesday morning, to discuss the 2025 budget has been [postponed](#) indefinitely, announced the general secretariat of the government. This decision was taken due to the lack of a [quorum](#) of participants, while access to the Grand Serail was blocked by demonstrators, including retired military personnel, who are demanding a review of public sector salaries, according to a news report released by L'Orient Today on September 10, 2024.

### Emergency Health Operations Center: One killed and two injured in the Israeli airstrike in Western Bekaa

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center, part of the Ministry of Public Health, issued a statement on September 10, 2024 announcing that "the drone strike launched by the Israeli army on a main road in Western Bekaa resulted in the death of one person and injury of two others", according to a news report by the National News Agency.

### Emergency Health Operations Center: 12 injured as the final toll of the airstrike on Nabatieh

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center, part of the Ministry of Public Health, announced in a statement: "the final toll of the airstrike launched by the Israeli army on a building in the city of Nabatieh is 12 people injured. Among them, one person's injuries required admission to Martyr Sheikh Ragheb Harb Hospital for treatment, while the others sustained minor injuries and were treated in the emergency department of the same hospital", according to a news report released by the National News Agency on September 11, 2024.

### Owner of a mobile phone store in Jabal al-Baddawi killed

The General Directorate of Internal Security Forces – Public Relations Division issued the following statement:

"On August 3, 2024, in Jabal al-Baddawi, a citizen (R. F., born in 1988) entered the store of the individual (B. D., born in 1995, Lebanese), which sells mobile phones. An argument between the two escalated into a physical altercation. Subsequently, the first individual fired a handgun at the second, hitting him in the chest. The victim soon died, and the shooter fled to an unknown location.

Immediately, the specialized units of the Internal Security Forces were tasked with conducting field and investigative procedures to locate and arrest the perpetrator. Through diligent follow-up, the Information Branch identified his location in the area of Sir al-Dinniyeh.

After careful monitoring, one of the branch's patrols was able to arrest him in the mentioned area.

During interrogation, he admitted to shooting (B. D.) and killing him inside his store due to a financial dispute with the victim, who had refused to repair his phone."

### Mapping 11 months of Israel-Lebanon cross-border attacks

According to the Armed Conflict Location and Event Data (ACLED), Israel [exchanged](#) at least 9,613 attacks with Hezbollah and other armed groups in Lebanon from October 7 to September 6.

About 82 percent of these attacks – 7,845 – were carried out by Israeli forces, which killed at least 646 people in Lebanon. Israel has attacked Hezbollah nearly four times that of the Lebanese group, tallying more than 7,800 attacks along the 120km (75-mile) border. Hezbollah and other armed groups were responsible for 1,768 attacks that killed at least 32 Israelis, according to a news report released by Al Jazeera on September 11, 2024.

### Lebanese Army: Eight Palestinians have been freed after being abducted by a criminal gang

The Army Command – Directorate of Guidance, issued the following statement on September 11, 2024:

On the night of September 9-10, 2024, a criminal gang lured 8 Palestinians from the Burj al-Barajneh camp to the Bekaa Valley under the pretense of facilitating their migration to Europe. The gang then abducted them and demanded ransom for their release. In response, the Directorate of Intelligence carried out a security monitoring and follow-up operation, along with raids, resulting in the release of the hostages at the Lebanese-Syrian border in the Hermel area and the arrest of (A.A.), a gang member who had transported the hostages from Beirut to the Bekaa Valley. An investigation has been initiated with the detainee under the supervision of the competent judiciary, and efforts are ongoing to apprehend the remaining members of the gang.

Thursday  
12 September  
2024

### Detention of two citizens and 40 Syrians as part of security measures

The following statement was issued by the Army Command – Directorate of Orientation on September 12, 2024:

A unit of the army, supported by a patrol from the Directorate of Intelligence, carried out a raid in the towns of Bqaata and Samqaniyeh – Chouf, and arrested 39 Syrians for entering Lebanese territory. Additionally, a patrol from the Directorate of Intelligence arrested the citizen (M. Sh.) in the city of Tripoli. Another patrol arrested the citizen (M. A.) and the Syrian (F. A.) for their involvement, along with others, in the theft of 13 motorcycles in the city of Tripoli and its suburbs. They were found in possession of military-grade weapons, a quantity of hashish, and narcotic pills.

The seized items have been handed over, and an investigation with the detainees has begun under the supervision of the competent judiciary.

### Arrest of a citizen in the Mansoura area – Hermel for abducting 3 Syrians

The following statement was issued by the Army Command – Directorate of Orientation:

On September 11, 2024, the Directorate of Intelligence arrested the citizen (H. H.) in the Mansoura area – Hermel for his involvement, along with two other individuals, in luring 3 Syrians from the city of Hermel to inside Syrian territory, abducting them, and demanding a ransom for their release. An investigation with the detainee has been initiated under the supervision of the competent judiciary, and efforts are ongoing to apprehend the remaining perpetrators.

### Emergency Health Operations Center: 3 killed including a child and 3 injured in hostile raid on Kfarjouz

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center, affiliated with the Ministry of Public Health, announced in an update on 12 September, 2024, the [toll](#) from the Israeli raid on Kfarjouz. The raid resulted in the death of three people, including a child, and the injury of three others.

### Emergency Health Operations Center: A teenage boy and his brother killed in the Israeli raid on al-Biyyadah

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center, affiliated with the Ministry of Public Health, announced in a statement released on September 12, 2024, that "the Israeli army's raid on a motorcycle in the town of al-Bayyadah resulted in the [death](#) of a teenage boy and his brother."

### ACHR: Statement on the Lebanese Council of Ministers' Proposed "Voluntary Return" Plan for Syrian Refugees

Access Center for Human Rights (ACHR) announced that it published a statement on September 12, 2024, in which it expresses its grave concern and strong opposition to the Lebanese Council of Ministers' recent deliberations on the so-called "voluntary return" plan for Syrian refugees. The Lebanese government's longstanding position of adopting initiatives with the aim of returning Syrian refugees en masse to Syria have generally failed to accomplish their intended aims. Instead, each of these initiatives has created further insecurities for Syrians in Lebanon.

Friday  
13 September  
2024

### Human rights and media organizations urge the independent UN investigation committee to include the October 13 attack in its investigation of war crimes

A group of organizations and individuals concerned with press freedom and human rights, including the "Alternative Press Syndicate," sent a letter to the independent UN investigation committee regarding the occupied Palestinian territories, urging it to include the deliberate Israeli attack on October 13, 2023, which killed one journalist and injured six others in southern Lebanon, in its investigation and to publish the results promptly, according to a press release published by the Alternative Press Syndicate on September 13, 2024.

**Saturday and Sunday**  
14 and 15 September  
2024

### **The Emergency Health Operations Center: one killed and seven injured, including four children in Al-Ahmadiyyeh strike**

The Operations Center for Public Health, affiliated with the Ministry of Public Health, announced in an update on the toll from the hostile raid on the town of Al-Ahmadiyya in Western Bekaa that one person was killed and the number of injured rose to seven, including four children who were treated in the emergency department, according to a news report by the National News Agency released on September 13, 2024.

### **Fire breaks out in Bourj Hammoud landfill**

A fire broke out at the Bourj Hammoud landfill on September 13, 2024, covering the areas of Dora, Karantina, and Jal el-Dib with black smoke. The organization "Greenpeace" stated that the fire released toxic smoke and hazardous materials such as methane and dioxins, posing a danger to public health, according to a news report by Daraj Media.

### **A horrific crime in the town of Koba in Batroun**

According to a news report by Annahar, a horrific murder occurred in the town of Cuba in Batroun, where "J.M." killed his father, "A.M.," in the garden of his house. He then killed his wife, "L.M.," and his son, who was no more than 5 years old, and then committed suicide with his military pistol.

### **10 Injured individuals in the raid on Kfar Rumman**

A reporter from the "National News Agency" stated on September 14, 2024, that the Israeli raid targeting an uninhabited building near the Badiyah Kfar Rumman - Nabatieh resulted in 10 injuries among residents living nearby the targeted building.

# 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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