



HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

15 April - 21 April 2024



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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LEBANON

Monday
15 April 2024

9 injured in Israeli airstrike on Seddaqine

The National News Agency reported that an Israeli airstrike on a house in the southern town of Seddaqine took place shortly after midnight on April 15, 2024. The airstrike left nine injured and caused massive damages to nearby residences. The targeted house was fully destroyed, and the wounded were transferred to nearby hospitals for treatment. Meanwhile, Israeli warplanes conducted mock raids above the villages and along the coastline of Tyre district, and dropped flares above the border towns adjacent to the Blue Line.

North Lebanon governor calls on municipalities to control the movement of Syrian refugees

North Lebanon's *mohafez* (governor), Ramzi Nohra, called on municipalities to control the movement of Syrian refugees, to immediately [report](#) suspected violations committed by Syrians, and to prevent them from gathering, according to a report by the National News Agency. Nohra's statement, which was reported on April 15, 2024, calls for a "ban on all gatherings of displaced Syrians, efforts to control their movements, and immediate reporting of any suspicious acts in order to carry out the necessary investigations." The North Lebanon *mohafez* requested a census be conducted to record displaced Syrians living in the territories under municipal jurisdiction, with procedures established for updating it. Finally, he called for a ban on displaced persons from Syria driving vehicles without a license to be enforced, and their vehicles seized.

Tuesday
16 April 2024

Israeli air raid targets two cars in Al-Shehabiya town

Israeli enemy warplanes targeted [two](#) cars in the town of Shehabiya, according to reports by the National News Agency on April 16, 2024. NNA correspondent also reported that the air raid resulted in the death and injury of several individuals.

Wednesday
17 April 2024

Israeli air strike demolishes two-story house in southern Lebanon's Naqoura

An airstrike was carried out on April 17, 2024, by Israeli aircraft according to a report by the National News Agency. The airstrike targeted the southern Lebanese town of Al-Naqoura, and led to the destruction of a two-story house belonging to Al-Sayyed family.

North Lebanon Governor Orders Evacuation of Syrians from Basatin al-Assi

North Lebanon Governor Ramzi Nahra issued an administrative [order](#) on April 17, 2024, requesting the State Security to evacuate three properties in "Basatin al-Assi" - "Bishtadar Awra" area from Syrian individuals within a 15-day period, otherwise the properties will be sealed with red wax, according to a report by the National News Agency.

[Cyprus steps up efforts to stop irregular migration, patrol off Lebanon](#)

A Cypriot law enforcement vessel was off the coast of Lebanon on April 17, 2024, amid reports that Cyprus is stepping up efforts to prevent Syrian refugees reaching the island on small boats, according to a report by Reuters.

An advocacy group reported that up to five boatloads of refugees were being prevented from sailing onward because of the presence of the vessel.

Authorities in Cyprus declined comment.

Nicosia last weekend announced it was suspending the processing of asylum applications amid a sharp increase in the number of Syrians arriving in Cyprus from Lebanon. It wants its European Union partners to reconsider the status of Syria, currently out of bounds for returns. One Cypriot maritime police patrol vessel, the Evagoras, was seen on ship tracking websites in international waters off the coast of Tripoli in Lebanon.

"These people are trapped in a cruel and dangerous game between Cyprus and Lebanon and remain at sea with no food or water and in urgent need of help,"

[Alarmphone](#), an advocacy group, wrote on X.

The U.N. refugee agency UNHCR said it was closely monitoring the situation. It was unclear how many Syrians might be affected by the move; just over 8,500 asylum applications were made from 2023 to the end of March 2024.

"While we recognize the challenges that increased arrivals can pose to host countries, we urge the Republic of Cyprus to continue upholding its international obligations under the 1951 Refugee Convention and the principle of non-refoulement," a UNHCR spokesperson told Reuters.

Thursday
18 April 2024

[Two killed in Israeli drone strike on Kfarkela](#)

An Israeli drone strike that hit the southern border town of Kfarkela on April 18, 2024 killed two people, according to a news report by the National News Agency. The Israeli warplanes also targeted Khiyam village with six strikes and more than [100](#) artillery and phosphorus shells.

[Israeli warplanes strike Khiyam](#)

Israeli warplanes heavily targeted the southern town of Khiyam on April 18, 2024, according to a report by the National News Agency's correspondent. The village was also targeted with phosphorus shells.

Friday
19 April 2024

[Airstrike targets a house in Aita al-Shaab](#)

The National News Agency reported that the Israeli Air Force carried out an airstrike around 10:15 AM on April 19, 2024, targeting a [house](#) in the al-Naqiz neighborhood in the town of Aita al-Shaab with two air-to-ground missiles.

[Refugee students in Lebanon subjected to expulsion and beatings by anti-refugee groups](#)

On April 13, a number of parents of Syrian refugee students in the [areas](#) of Sodeco, Dkouane, Amchit, and Jbeil, in the districts of Metn and Kesrouan, reported that their children were expelled from public schools in the afternoon shift designated for teaching Syrian refugees. Some also claimed to have been beaten by groups known for their opposition to refugees, according to reports released on April 19, 2024, by the Access Center for Human Rights. On the same day, the Jbeil Youth Committee of the Free Patriotic Movement held a [protest](#) in front of the Syrian refugee school in Amchit, demanding the regulation of the displacement issue in the district. The coordinator of the district, Seba Habib, participated in the protest, which was monitored by the military and security forces. The students felt afraid and worried about being subjected to further harassment or violence, while some parents said they would temporarily avoid sending their children to schools because of these incidents, depriving them of their right to education.

Israeli raid targets a house in al-Jebain

The National News Agency reported that an Israeli warplane raided a house in the town of al-Jebain on April 20, 2024. Ambulance teams headed to the area to check for casualties.

Gang kidnaps Syrian refugee in Lebanon, sends scenes of his brutal torture to his family and threatens to kill him

A kidnapping gang in Lebanon kidnapped a young man from Mahkan town in the eastern countryside of Deir Ezzor, where a videotape showed the young man being brutally [electrocuted](#), while he was tied to a metal bed connected to electricity, according to a report by [published](#) by the Syrian Human Rights Monitor on April 20, 2024. The kidnappers initially demanded a financial ransom of 25,000 USD in exchange for his release and then agreed to reduce it to 10,000 USD, setting a deadline of 24 hours to pay the required sum or he will be killed. The family of the kidnapped had also received a videotape showing him being hung upside down while he was being tortured.

According to information, the young man's family is suffering from harsh living conditions and is unable to pay the requested amount, what threatens the young man's life. The young man had taken refuge in Lebanon in 2018, and works for one of the companies in Jabal Lebanon Hospital Street area, where he was kidnapped along with four others who were released after paying the financial ransom.

Two raids on Aita al-Shaab

The National News Agency correspondent in Nabatieh reported that the Israeli warplanes carried out an air attack on April 21, 2024. Warplanes also launched a second raid which targeted the town of Aita al-Shaab with air-to-surface missiles.

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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