

# HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

17 June - 23 June 2024



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Monday 17 June 2024

**Tuesday** 18 June 2024

Wednesday 19 June 2024

## One person killed in Israeli airstrike targeting vehicle in Al-Shahabiya The National News Agency correspondent reported that an individual was killed as

a result of an Israeli air strike that targeted a car in the town of Al-Shahabiya.

### Eight casualties in Israeli raid on vehicle in Barghalia

The Israeli raid that targeted a car in the al-Barghalia area, north of Tyre, resulted in the minor injury of 8 civilians who were transferred to Tyre's hospitals for treatment according to a news report released by the National News Agency on June 18. 2024.

### Journalist Rami Naim assaulted in Beirut by armed men

Several armed men attacked journalist Rami Naim on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, using the butts of their firearms at a Starbucks café in the Verdun area, according to a news report released by Samir Kassir Eyes. The armed men also threatened him against speaking negatively about Hezbollah, citing his opposition to the party. Naim recounted to "Al-Nashra" website: "I was assaulted by a number of youths while sitting at a Starbucks café in Verdun with a companion, waiting for a meeting with the dean of journalism, Awni Al-Kaaki. I was hit on the head with the butts of their firearms, and one of them pointed a gun at my stomach, threatening me not to speak ill of Hezbollah. They then left me lying on the ground. After that, I went to Saint George Hospital in Ashrafieh for treatment and examinations."

### Health Ministry: 432 killed, 95,228 displaced since start of hostilities in October

The Lebanese Health Ministry published its latest numbers on the war in southern Lebanon between Hezbollah and Israel on June 19, 2024, covering the period from Oct. 8, 2023 to Wednesday, June 19. It counts 1,774 casualties, including 432 killed and 465 wounded who had to be hospitalized. Of the total number of victims, both dead and wounded, the Health Ministry reported that 86 percent were men, 94 percent Lebanese and 57 percent between the ages of 25 and 44. Of the injuries recorded, 44 percent were due to trauma caused by Israeli bombardment, 33 percent to explosions and 16 percent due to exposure to chemicals. Only the proportion of people injured in explosions has slightly decreased from 34 to 33 percent since the last report earlier this month. The ministry's figures also include the number of people displaced from their homes in the conflict zones, the number has risen to 95,228 since the start of the conflict, according to a count up to June 13.

### **Thursday** 20 June 2024

**Friday** 21 June 2024

# Saturday and Sunday 22 and 23 June 2024

# Lebanese Ministry of Environment: Increased risk of fires in the coming days

The Ministry of Environment stated in a press release on June 20, 2024, that "forecasts indicate a significant increase in the risk of fires in Lebanon in the coming days, especially in the regions of West Bekaa, Rashaya, and Akkar. Therefore, the Ministry urges everyone to exercise extreme caution and avoid using any source of fire near vegetation, according to a news report published by the National News Agency. The Ministry also calls on municipalities, protected areas committees, fire monitoring teams in the regions, and civil society organizations to monitor any fire hazards and provide early detection to ensure timely intervention by Civil Defense and first responder teams." The Lebanese civil defense also shared a <u>map</u> forecasting the risk of wildfires on June 20, 2024, which confirms that the danger of fires in the Bekaa and Akkar is high.

### 'World cannot afford Lebanon to become another Gaza': Guterres

Speaking to the press at the UN Headquarters, in New York, Secretary-General António Guterres underscored that a widening of the conflict in the Middle East must be avoided, as reported by UN News on June 21, 2024. "Let's be clear: The people of the region and the people of the world cannot afford Lebanon to become another Gaza," he stressed. "One rash move - one miscalculation - could trigger a catastrophe that goes far beyond the border, and frankly, beyond imagination," he said. The UN chief also highlighted that on both sides of the Blue Line, many people have already lost their lives and been driven from their homes and livelihoods. He urged both sides to "urgently recommit" to the full implementation of Security Council resolution 1701 and immediately return to a cessation of hostilities."The world must say loudly and clearly: immediate de-escalation is not only possible – it is essential," Mr. Guterres said, declaring that "there is no military solution.""UN peacekeepers, UNIFIL, are on the ground working to de-escalate tensions and help prevent miscalculation, in an extremely challenging environment" he said, adding that the Organization fully supports diplomatic efforts to end the violence, restore stability and avoid even greater human suffering in the region. "And we do so as we continue to press for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza, the immediate and unconditional release of the hostages and a real pathway to a two-State solution," Mr. Guterres concluded.

## Drone strike targets vehicle on town of Al-Khayara Al-Baqaya

The National News Agency reported that the Israeli army targeted a car at the intersection of the town of Al-Khayara in the Western Bekaa on June 22, 2024. The target's body was found inside the car owned by a citizen of the town of Lala in the Western Bekaa.

### Lebanese Army detains 53 Syrian Individuals

53 Syrian individuals were detained by the Lebanese Army in the towns of Shadra, al-Rawima, Deir Ammar, and al-Awainat - the North, and the city of Tyre - the South for illegally entering Lebanese territories, according to a news report released on June 23, 2024 by the Lebanese Army's official website.

# 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...)

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