



HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

3 February - 9 February 2025



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LEBANON

Monday
3 February
2025

Suspect Flees to Syria After Killing in Safra, Arrested by Information Division

On February 3, 2025, the General Directorate of Internal Security Forces reported that it had arrested a suspect who fled to Syria after committing a murder in Safra. On January 21, 2025, the body of A. H. A. (born 1964) was found among the rocks near the seashore, showing signs of head trauma. Investigations by the Information Division identified the suspect as A. S. (born 2002, Syrian), a homeless individual who escaped to Syria illegally. Authorities devised a plan to lure him back to Lebanon, and he was arrested in Dora on January 30. During interrogation, he confessed to killing the victim after a dispute. Legal proceedings are ongoing under judicial supervision.

Tuesday
4 February 2025

Foreign Ministry files complaint against Israel over 1701, ceasefire violations

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants issued a statement on February 4, 2025, [announcing](#) that it had [submitted a complaint](#) through the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations in New York, to the UN Security Council in response to Israel's violation of Resolution 1701, the declaration of a cessation of hostilities, and its complete disregard for its obligations related to enhanced security arrangements towards the implementation of Resolution 1701.

The complaint refuted Israel's continued violations of the cessation of hostilities declaration since it entered into force on November 27, 2024, and its continued land and air attacks and destruction of homes and residential neighborhoods, in addition to committing serious violations.

An Egyptian worker falls victim to an altercation at a gas station in Lebanon's Keserwan

An Egyptian worker in his forties [passed](#) away on Tuesday at a gas station in Keserwan, north of the Lebanese capital, Beirut, according to a news report by Annahar released on February 4, 2025.

According to details reported by Lebanon's National News Agency, the worker died following an altercation that escalated into a physical fight at a gas station in the town of Faitroun, Keserwan. The dispute arose between him and a citizen who was refueling his car.

Lebanese security forces, forensic experts, and a coroner arrived at the scene, and investigations are ongoing to determine the cause of death.

Lebanese military units deployed in the town of Taybeh – Marjayoun

The Lebanese Army - Directorate of Guidance issued the following statement on February 4, 2025:

Military units have been deployed in the town of Taybeh – Marjayoun in the eastern sector and other border areas in the South Litani region following the withdrawal of the Israeli enemy, in coordination with the Quintet Committee overseeing the ceasefire agreement (Mechanism).

The Army Command reaffirms the importance of citizens adhering to the directives issued in its official statements and complying with the instructions of the military units deployed in the southern regions to ensure their safety and well-being.

Wednesday
5 February 2025

Palestinian activists close UNRWA offices in camps

Palestinian refugees shut down the U.N. agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA) centers, offices and schools across refugee camps in Lebanon on Wednesday, including its main office in Beirut, according to a news report by L'Orient Today released on February 5, 2025. They are protesting what they describe as indifference to their demands over the "arbitrary" suspension of five teachers since October 2024. According to the Committee for Monitoring the Defense of Suspended Teachers, the suspensions coincided with the visit to Lebanon by UNRWA Secretary-General Philippe Lazzarini.

"This major popular escalation, in response to the call from the committee and several youth organizations ... involved the closure of all UNRWA offices and centers, except for clinics and the hygiene sector," according to the committee's statement. It explained that "hundreds of young activists from different Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon acted early [Wednesday] morning, forcibly closing these various places."

Thursday
6 February 2025

Clashes erupt on Lebanese-Syrian border, Lebanese army deploys reinforcements

Gunfire from light and medium weapons was heard in Lebanese villages near Hermel, following violent clashes in the town of Hawik between the Zaayer and Jaafar clans on the Lebanese side and Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) on the Syrian side, according to a news report released by various media outlets on February 6, 2025. Additional clashes also broke out in the Syrian town of Jarmash, near the Lebanese border. In response, the Lebanese army deployed significant reinforcements to the border to prevent fighters from entering Lebanese territory.

Outrage over 'secretly approved' coastal projects in Lebanon

Three decrees approving controversial new construction projects along Lebanon's coastline were reportedly signed during the final meetings of Prime Minister Najib Mikati's outgoing cabinet, prompting outrage among activists, who raised the alarm this week over potential environmental and legal consequences, according to a news report by The New Arab released on February 6, 2025.

The move had gone "unnoticed for weeks", according to the Lebanese daily L'Orient-Le Jour, which reported on Thursday that while Lebanon's coastal law mandates the seashore as public property, loopholes and political influence had enabled numerous illegal projects to proceed.

The first decree permits the construction of a road in Behnine, Akkar, including an underground passage, while the second approves the expansion of an existing seaside development in the village of Ras Maska in Koura. The third relates to a project in Qlaileh, near the southern Tyre, close to the protected Mansouri site, a well-known nesting sanctuary for sea turtles.

Friday
7 February 2025

Israeli airstrikes target southern, eastern Lebanon, violating ceasefire agreement

Israeli warplanes conducted airstrikes late Thursday on southern and eastern Lebanon and flew over the capital Beirut and its suburbs, marking six new violations of a ceasefire agreement, according to a news report by the Andalou Agency released on February 7, 2025.

The latest Israeli violations brought the total since the implementation of the agreement between Israel and Lebanon to 863, according to statistics based on Lebanese news agency reports.

Fighter jets attacked an eastern mountain range that borders the Beqaa Valley, Lebanon's official National News Agency (NNA) reported.

Israel also carried out two airstrikes in Nabatiyeh district of southern Lebanon targeting the valley between the towns of Bfaroueh and Aazze, according to NNA. The exact targets and casualty figures remain unclear.

Saturday and Sunday
8 and 9 February
2025

Israeli air strike kills six in eastern Lebanon

An Israeli air raid has killed six people and wounded two in eastern Lebanon amid a fragile ceasefire between Israel and Lebanon, according to a news report by Al Jazeera released on February 8, 2025.

Lebanon's National News Agency reported that a drone targeted the Shaara area, near the town of Jennata, in the eastern Bekaa region on Saturday.

Lebanese Army: 40 Arrested in Deir Ammar and Hay Al-Sellom

Statement from the Army Command – Directorate of Guidance, issued on February 9, 2025:

An army unit arrested 36 Syrian nationals in the Deir Ammar – North region for entry into Lebanese territory.

Additionally, another unit, supported by a patrol from the Intelligence Directorate, raided the homes of wanted individuals in the Hay Al-Sellom – Southern Suburbs area. The operation led to the arrest of citizens (A.S.A.), (I.A.), (A.A.), and (H.S.) for drug trafficking. A large quantity of narcotics, along with military-grade weapons, was seized in their possession.

The confiscated items have been handed over, and investigations have commenced under the supervision of the competent judiciary.

Lebanese Army Expands Deployment in South Litani and Eastern Sector

Statement from the Army Command – Directorate of Guidance, issued on February 9, 2025:

Military units have been deployed in the towns of Rab Thalathin, Bani Hayyan, and Taloussa – Marjayoun in the eastern sector following the withdrawal of the Israeli enemy, in coordination with the Quintet Committee overseeing the ceasefire agreement (Mechanism).

The units continue conducting engineering surveys and opening roads within these towns. Therefore, the Army Command urges citizens to adhere to the instructions of the deployed units for their safety.

Additionally, the army maintains close coordination with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) regarding the situation in border areas within the framework of Resolution 1701.

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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