

# HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

10 February - 16 February 2025



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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Monday 10 February 2025

**Tuesday** 11 February 2025

**Wednesday** 12 February 2025

#### Surveillance Camera Captures Armed Robbery in Hamra

A surveillance camera captured the armed <u>robbery</u> in Bristol - Hamra, which resulted in the <u>deaths</u> of two suspects and the escape of a third after the owner of a currency exchange shop fired his pistol, according to a news report by Annahar released on February 10, 2025. A photo of the two armed suspects lying on the ground after being shot was circulated.

Israeli Army Sets Houses Ablaze in Markaba and Talouseh Outskirts

The correspondent of the "National News Agency" reported that the Israeli army had set houses on fire in Markaba – outskirts of Talouseh on February 11, 2025.

#### Israel requests to keep troops in Lebanon until Feb. 28

Israel has <u>requested</u> to <u>keep</u> its troops in five <u>posts</u> in southern Lebanon <u>until</u> February 28, a Lebanese official and foreign diplomat told Reuters on February 12, 2025.

Under a ceasefire deal agreed in November between Lebanon and Israel, Israeli troops had until January 26 to withdraw from southern Lebanon.

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#### Cybercrimes Bureau summons journalists Hazem Al-Amin and Jana Barakat

On Tuesday, February 11, 2025, the Bureau for Combating Cybercrimes and Protecting Intellectual Property <u>summoned</u> Hazem Al-Amin, co-founder and editor-in-chief of the "Daraj" website, and journalist Jana Barakat from the site, to appear before them on Monday, February 17, 2025. The <u>summons</u> was related to a complaint filed by banker Antoine Sahnaoui over a report titled "Antoine Sahnaoui: Between His Lebanese Legacy and Celebrating His French Offspring." However, they both refused to comply with the summons, according to a news report released by Samir Kassir Eyes on February 12, 2025.

**Thursday** 13 February 2025

#### Young Men Set Tires on Fire at Airport Entrance

The correspondent of the "National News Agency" at Rafic Hariri International Airport in Beirut reported that young men set tires on fire in front of the airport entrance, raising slogans in support of the former Secretary-General of Hezbollah, the martyr Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah. This <u>protest</u> was in response to the Iranian plane, carrying Lebanese visitors to holy sites in Iran, being denied permission to land. This comes after Lebanese authorities <u>prevented</u> an Iranian plane on Thursday from <u>landing</u> at Rafic Hariri International Airport in Beirut.

#### Syrian prisoners in Lebanon go on hunger strike demanding extradition

More than 100 Syrian detainees in Lebanon's central prison have begun an open-ended hunger strike <u>demanding</u> to be sent home to complete their trials and prison sentences.

An agreement between Beirut and Damascus to extradite the prisoners to Syria, where an interim government is now in place following the ouster of Bashar al-Assad's regime in December, has not been met, the detainees say.

"The number of hunger strikers is more than 100. We handed over a list of their names to the prison's administration so it can stop providing them with meals, and report this to Lebanese authorities," one prisoner told <u>Asharq Al-Awsat</u> newspaper.

The prisoners' "only request" is the implementation of the agreement signed during former Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati's visit to Damascus in January, where he met with de facto leader Ahmed al-Sharaa, now Syria's interim president.

### The General Directorate of Internal Security Forces mourns First Sergeant Khalil Fayad

The following statement was Issued by the General Directorate of the Internal Security Forces – Public Relations Division on February 13, 2025:

The General Directorate of the Internal Security Forces mourns its martyr, Sergeant Khalil Ali Fayad, who succumbed to his wounds after being injured by Israeli qunfire in the town of Aitaroun on 26-01-2025.

#### Israeli airstrikes hit southern Lebanon in new ceasefire violation

Israeli warplanes carried out two airstrikes in southern Lebanon on February 14, 2025, violating a ceasefire agreement with Lebanon, the country's state-run National News Agency (NNA) reported.

The agency said the first strike targeted an area between the towns of <u>Deir Seryan</u> and <u>Yohmor al-Shaqif</u> in Nabatiyeh district, while the second hit a location between the towns of <u>Yater</u> and <u>Zebqine</u> in Tyre district.

#### UNIFIL statement: UNIFIL convoy violently attacked in Beirut

UNIFIL released the following statement on February 14, 2025:

A UNIFIL convoy taking peacekeepers to Beirut airport was violently attacked on February 14, 2025, and a vehicle was set on fire. UNIFIL's outgoing Deputy Force Commander, who was returning home after ending his mission, was injured.

We are shocked by this outrageous attack on peacekeepers who have been serving to restore security and stability to south Lebanon during a difficult time.

## <u>Israeli Army breaches ceasefire deal yet again, set homes ablaze in South</u> <u>Lebanon</u>

Israeli forces set several homes on fire in the Southern Lebanese towns of Houla and Mays al-Jabal, adding yet another violation of the ceasefire agreement brokered with Lebanon to its archive, according to a news report by the National News Agency released on February 15, 2025.

One of the core requirements of the ceasefire agreement between "Israel" and Lebanon, which took effect on November 27, 2024, was the cessation of all hostilities following a period of 60 days. Therefore, the Israeli occupation was supposed to withdraw its forces by January 26, 2025. However, the period was prolonged until February 18. "Israel" has maintained its occupation of South Lebanon and <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/january2011.05">https://doi.org/10.1001/january2011.05</a> and eastern towns, violating the ceasefire deal and UN Resolution 1701.

**Friday** 14 February 2025

**Saturday and Sunday** 15 and 16 February 2025

#### More than 25 arrested after UN convoy attack in Lebanon

More than <u>25</u> people were <u>arrested</u> following an attack on a convoy of United Nations peacekeepers that wounded two people including a senior commander, according to a news report by Al Jazeera released on February 15, 2025.

"More than <u>25</u> people have been arrested by Lebanese army intelligence", with another person detained by the security services, Lebanese Interior Minister Ahmad al-Hajjar told reporters after an emergency security meeting on Saturday. Meanwhile, The Army Command – Directorate of Orientation issued the following statement on February 15, 2025:

Following an attack by protesters on a convoy of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) and army personnel, which resulted in injuries, the army carried out a series of security operations and law enforcement missions on February 14 and 15, 2025, to track down those involved in these assaults. In this context, several individuals were arrested, and investigations are ongoing under the supervision of the competent judiciary.

The Army Command reiterates its warning to citizens against engaging in riots and attacks on public and private property. It emphasizes the need to adhere to peaceful means of expression and affirms that it will not tolerate any breaches of security or threats to civil peace.

#### Two killed in the raid on Arabsalim and one killed in Ein Qana

The Public Health Emergency Operations Center of the Ministry of Public Health issued a statement announcing that the Israeli raid on a car in Arabsalim resulted in the death of two individuals and the injury of five people, including two children. An individual was also killed in the collapse of a building today in the town of Ain Qana, which was targeted by the Israeli army in an earlier raid.

## 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** 

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
- o **HOW**: A narrative description of what happened
- WHEN: Date of the episode (at least the year, if day and month are unknown)
- o **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.

