



HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

18 March - 24 March 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
18 March
2024

Raid on a house on the outskirts of Ramyeh

On March 18, 2024, the National News Agency reported that Israeli warplanes raided a house on the outskirts of the town of Ramyeh, causing material damage to property, crops, and neighboring houses. The raid coincided with artillery shelling of the outskirts of the towns of Ramyeh and Ayta ash Shab. Israeli reconnaissance aircraft flew throughout last night and until this morning over the villages of the Tyre and Bint Jbeil. The Israeli army also fired light bombs over the villages of the western and central sectors, reaching the outskirts of the city of Tyre.

National Commission for Lebanese Women: Monthly report on domestic violence cases for February 2024

On March 18, 2024, the National Commission for Lebanese Women released a [report](#) which includes the number of calls related to cases of physical, sexual, psychological, and economic violence received by the security forces through the hotline 1745, which are reported by the victim, family members, or anyone who witnesses them, in addition to identifying the perpetrator in relation to the victim.

Tuesday
19 March
2024

Special Coordinator Wronecka Briefs Security Council on Resolution 1701

On March 19, 2024, UNSCOL reported that United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon Joanna Wronecka and United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations Jean-Pierre Lacroix briefed the Security Council on the implementation of Security Council Resolution 1701 (2006). The Security Council was meeting in closed consultations to discuss the [latest report of United Nations Secretary-General](#) Antonio Guterres on the implementation of the resolution. Deeply concerned by the escalation in the exchanges of fire across, and increasingly beyond the Blue Line, the Special Coordinator said these repeated violations of resolution 1701 increase the risks of miscalculation and further deterioration of an already critical situation.

Wednesday
20 March
2024

Israeli airstrike targets a house in Marjaayoun

On March 20, 2024, the National News Agency reported that an Israeli aircraft raided a house near the square of the town of Qantara.

Israeli airstrike targets a house in Houla

On March 20, 2024, the National News Agency reported that Israeli aircraft raided the town of Houla and targeted a house in the Al-Deir neighborhood.

Central Administration of Statistics: Consumer prices rise 1.06% in February

On March 21, 2024, The Central Administration of Statistics (CAS) in the Presidency of the Council of Ministers announced in a [report](#) that the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in Lebanon rose by 1.06% in February 2024 compared to January 2024. [The](#) annual change in the CPI for February 2024 [was](#) 123.21% compared to February 2023.

The monthly change in the CPI for February 2024 by governorate was as follows:

Beirut: 1.17%

Mount Lebanon: 0.85%

North: 1.33%

Bekaa: 0.64%

South: 1.81%

Nabatieh: 1.22%

Two Israeli airstrikes on two houses in Meiss El Jabal

On March 21, 2024, the National News Agency reported that two [airstrikes](#) were carried out by Israeli aircraft on the town of Meiss El Jabal. The first targeted a house in the eastern neighborhood of the town (Near the "Abdul Nabi" area) with two missiles, and the second targeted a house in the Ras al-Daher neighborhood west of the town which had previously been targeted by artillery.

The Reclaim Our Rights Collective: Open Letter on the Occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

On March 21, 2024, the Reclaim Our Rights (ROR) collective, a coalition of [women migrant workers](#) in Lebanon, released a statement expressing concern over the perpetuation of racist stereotypes and lack of intersectionality in the Lebanese media's [news](#) coverage.

In the statement, the coalition stressed that "the persistent racist, stigmatizing, and discriminatory portrayal of MDWs in Lebanese news coverage continues to undermine our efforts to dismantle the Kafala system and achieve sustainable change in the perception of African and Asian women of color by Lebanese institutions and society as a whole."

United Nations' Secretary-General's message for 2024 on International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

On March 21, 2024, United Nations News Centre reported the United Nations' Secretary-General's message on the international day for the elimination of racial discrimination, which stated: "Racism is an evil infecting countries and societies around the world – a deeply entrenched legacy of colonialism and enslavement. The results are devastating: opportunities stolen; dignity denied; rights violated; lives taken and lives destroyed. Racism is rife, but it impacts communities differently. The theme of this year's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination highlights this, focussing on people of African descent, recognition, justice and development. People of African descent face a unique history of systemic and institutionalized racism, and profound challenges today. We must respond to that reality – learning from, and building on, the tireless advocacy of people of African descent. That includes governments advancing policies and other measures to eliminate racism against people of African descent.

And tech firms urgently addressing racial bias in artificial intelligence.

On this Day, let's commit to work together to build a world of dignity, justice and equal opportunity for every community, everywhere."

Friday
22 March 2024

Airstrike on a house in Aita al-Shaab destroys it completely

On March 22, 2024, the National News Agency reported that at around 1:00 PM, the Israeli Air Force launched an air raid targeting a house in the town of Ayta ash Shab with two air-to-ground missiles, destroying it completely.

Merkava tank targets a house in Khiam

On March 22, 2024, the National News Agency reported that an Israeli Merkava tank in Mtolleh targeted a house in the city of Khiam with two shells. Talat El Hamames and the eastern outskirts of the town of Aadaysit were also subjected to Israeli shelling.

EU migrant deal with Lebanon is possible, EU commissioner tells Cyprus

On March 22, 2024, Reuter reported [that](#) EU commissioner Margaritis Schinas said on Friday that the European Union could strike a deal with Lebanon to stem arrivals of migrants, [as](#) Cyprus complained it was being inundated by a surge in arrivals from the Middle East. The EU has entered agreements with several countries to help them deal with increased migration burdens, and, ultimately, prevent a spillover into the 27 member states of the bloc. Rights groups have sharply criticized the pacts.

Saturday and Sunday
23 and 24 March 2024

Israeli airstrike on Baalbek leaves 3 injured

On March 24, 2024, the National News Agency reported [that](#) Israeli warplanes targeted a building in the Al-Asira neighborhood in Baalbek [with](#) four missiles, which led to the destruction of a building [and](#) slightly wounding [of](#) three citizens. Ambulances belonging to the Islamic Health Authority took those injured to the hospital to receive treatment.

Israeli Airstrike targets car in Western Bekaa

On March 24, 2024, the National News Agency reported that an Israeli airstrike targeted a car on the Souairi road in Western Bekaa. The targeted car was a blue "Rapid" driven by a Syrian construction worker. His hands and legs were amputated, and he was taken alive to a hospital in the area. Civil Defense personnel from the Masnaa Center headed to the scene to transport the injured man. The injured Syrian man was transporting canned goods and soft drinks from Yassar al-Samili's supermarket in the town of Souairi to people fasting during Ramadan as part of his work. The [National](#) News Agency later reported on March 24, 2024, that the Syrian construction worker "Mahmoud Rahb", [had](#) died due to the injuries sustained in the Israeli airstrike.

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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