



HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

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LEBANON

Monday
15 Jan 2024

A strike in the Palestinian refugee camps on the occasion of the 100th day of the aggression against Gaza

According to the National News Agency Palestinian factions, popular committees, associations, movements, student offices, and the local community in Beddawi and Nahr al-Bared camps carried out a comprehensive strike on the occasion of the 100th day of the ongoing aggression against the Gaza Strip and the Palestinian interior, on Jan 15th, 2024. In Beddawi camp, a mass demonstration was held that roamed throughout the camp. In Nahr al-Bared camp, a march was organized that toured the camp and delivered speeches. The two camps witnessed comprehensive and complete commitment to the strike. All schools, institutes, institutions, and shops closed their doors, and vehicle traffic on the streets of the two camps stopped almost completely, with environmental health workers, health centers, and clinics being excluded from the strike.

The Teachers Union voted on Monday 15th Jan, 2024 to authorize the Executive Council to escalate measures using different means including going on strike

According to the National News Agency, the Executive Council of the Teachers Syndicate called on the general assemblies in all governorates to convene on Monday 15th Jan, 2024 in the centers designated by the union's branches. In a statement the Teacher's Syndicate noted that the goal of the meeting was "to vote on the following recommendation: authorizing the Executive Council to take appropriate escalatory steps, including a strike, based on the outcome of the educational meeting on Tuesday in the office of the Minister of Education." The union explained its move as a reaction to the "the unprecedented steps taken by the caretaker government during its last session to reject laws approved by the House of Representatives, and after launching slogans about the necessity of providing justice to retired professors." The statement also mentioned that agreements during meetings in the Ministry of Education were breached, out of fear for the compensation of thousands of teachers in service and the loss of value of their pensions.

Tuesday
16 Jan 2024

[The Red Cross and the Lebanese army brought aid to the people of the towns of Al-Sumakia and Hakar Al-Dahiri, and to 340 Syrian families](#)

According to NNA on Monday 15th January 2024, the Lebanese Red Cross issued a statement indicating that, "For the second day, Lebanese Red Cross crew, consisting of 26 volunteers and 6 vehicles, continued their humanitarian work, as they brought aid, with the support of Lebanese army trucks, to the towns of Semmakia and Hocar Al-Dahiri in Akkar, which were completely surrounded by water after the flood of the "Al Kabir River." The aid that was brought in was received by the people of the two towns, as well as about 340 Syrian families. The municipality of Semakia, with the help of the Lebanese Red Cross teams, had evacuated them from their camps to the school and the mosque hall after their tents were covered by water. The Lebanese Red Cross also conducted a mobile clinic and inspected 135 patients.

[Kafr Kila bombed with phosphorus shells and artillery targeted Lamis al-Jabal](#)

According to the National News Agency, Kafr Kila was hit by phosphorus shells and a hostile Merkava tank shelled houses in the town, on 16th Jan 2024. Artillery also targeted the town of Mays al-Jabal.

[Health Ministry figures for south Lebanon: 147 dead, over 500 injured](#)

The Lebanese Ministry of Health published its latest assessment of the fighting in southern Lebanon on Tuesday 17th Jan, 2024. Based on hospital data, it counts a total of 650 casualties from Oct. 8, when hostilities began, until Tuesday, when the figures were released. The casualties include 147 deaths and 114 cases requiring hospitalization.

[Human Rights Watch Report: Lebanon: Gaddafi Son Wrongfully Held for 8 Years](#)

In a report published on Jan 16th, 2024 Human Rights Watch urged Lebanese authorities to immediately release Hannibal Gaddafi, a son of Libya's former leader, who has been held in pretrial detention on spurious charges since his arrest in December 2015. The report also mentioned that nearly 80 percent of Lebanon's prison population is in pretrial detention, some held for many years and without charge.

Lebanon's Internal Security Forces, which oversee prison operations, took custody of Gaddafi in December 2015, alleging that he had a connection to the disappearance of a Lebanese Shiite Imam, Moussa al-Sadr, and two of his companions in Libya in 1978.

According to information obtained by Human Rights Watch, Gaddafi went on a hunger strike from June to October 2023 to protest his continued arbitrary detention as well as detention conditions that resulted in him losing considerable weight and repeated hospitalization. Prison conditions in Lebanon have dangerously deteriorated since the country's slide into a serious economic crisis in 2019. Conditions include inadequate health services, insufficient and poor quality food, and severe overcrowding that authorities blame on an increase in crime rates, slow trial proceedings, and the inability of many who have served their sentences to pay fees required for their release.

Lebanese authorities have claimed that Hannibal Gaddafi provided an affidavit during his detention with information on Sadr and his aides' alleged detention in Libya after their disappearance, but a lawyer for Gaddafi in 2022 dismissed these claims, stating that Gaddafi had been forced to sign a document under duress, without the presence of a lawyer. Under international law, detention is subject to strict due process, in particular informing the person of the reasons for arrest; basing detention on clear domestic law; promptly taking the person before a judge and charging or releasing them; providing a judicial ruling on the legality of detention; the right to a speedy trial or release from detention; and providing regular opportunities to challenge the lawfulness of a long-term detention.

Wednesday
17 Jan 2024

Israeli drone raids a house in Aita al-Shaab

According to NNA, an Israeli drone attacked a house near the mosque in the town of Aita al-Shaab on 17th Jan 2024, causing the house to burn. As a result, fire brigades went to the scene to control the fire. No casualties have been reported.

Thursday
18 Jan 2024

A phosphorous shell on Al-Tawail Road in Burj Al-Muluk

According to the National News Agency, A phosphorus shell targeted Al-Tawail Road in the town of Burj Al-Muluk on 18th Jan 2024.

Friday
19 Jan 2024

The Private School Teachers Union threatened to go on strike starting Tuesday if educational institutions do not retract their decision

A statement was issued by the Private Schools Teachers Syndicate on January 18, 2024, after a meeting was held by the Executive Council, headed by Nehme Mahfoud and attended by the branch councils:.

The statement stated that "despite the positive atmosphere, and the hope that retired professors had of obtaining salaries that were equal with their colleagues in formal education, we were surprised today to be informed that the Union of Educational Institutions' will not be attending a previously scheduled meeting. This happened without any justification." The statement also announced that the Executive Council of the Private School Teachers Syndicate will go on strike starting on January 23, 2024 in all private schools in Lebanon if the Union of Educational Institutions' do not retract their decision before this date. The statement also affirmed that "the Executive Council of the Teachers Union will keep its meetings open to follow up on developments and take appropriate stances regarding them.

A sit-in for depositors in front of the Central Bank of Lebanon

According to the National News Agency, a number of depositors staged a sit-in in front of the Bank of Lebanon which was called for by the "Depositors' Cry" Association, on January 19th, 2024.

Saturday and Sunday
20 and 21 Jan 2024

Two killed and one wounded in an air raid on Bazourieh road

On 20 January, 2024 a representative of the National News Agency reported that the raid that targeted a car on the Northern Burj Al-Bazourieh road resulted in two people dead and one wounded.

Al-Jebn and Shaheen subjected to phosphorous bombardment

The representative of the National News Agency in Tyre reported that the outskirts of Al-Jebn and Shahin were subjected to artillery and phosphorus bombardment on January 21, 2024.

Samar Al-Sayyid Muhammad died from wounds she sustained in the Israeli air raid on Kafra

On January 21, 2024, the representative of the National News Agency reported that citizen Samar Jamil Al-Sayyed Muhammad died in Tibnin Governmental Hospital, succumbing to wounds she sustained during the raid carried out by the Israeli army on the town of Kafra.

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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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