

HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

1 July - 7 July 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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Monday 1 July 2024

Israeli air strike targets house in Bayada

Israeli warplanes raided a house in the Tyre district village of <u>Bayada</u>, according to a news report released by the National News Agency on July 1, 2024.

UN Human Rights Council: Beirut Blast Inquiry Needed

The United Nations Human Rights Council should establish an international fact-finding mission into the August 4, 2020 blast at Beirut's port, 18 organizations, and dozens of relatives of the victims of the blast said in a <u>statement released</u> on July 1, 2024 according to a news report by Human Rights Watch.

ISF Arrest 30 Syrian Nationals on Charges of Illegally Entering Lebanon

A patrol from the "Mechmech" Regiment stopped a van driver and <u>30 people</u> of Syrian nationality who were on board, on charges of illegally entering Lebanon according to a news report published by the official website of the ISF.

Tuesday 2 July 2024

Israeli army fires phosphorus shells on south Lebanon's Houla

The National News Agency reported that Israeli forces targeted the southern Lebanese town of Houla near the Al-Amana station with phosphorus shells which caused a fire in the area.

One killed in Israeli airstrike on Al-Bustan town

A civilian was killed in an Israeli air raid that targeted the southern Lebanese town of Al-Bustan, according to a news report released by the National News Agency on July 2, 2024.

Wednesday 3 July 2024

Israeli drone targets vehicle on Al-Hosh Road east of Tyre

An Israeli drone targeted a vehicle on Al-Hosh Road, east of the southern coastal city of Tyre on July 3, 2024 according to a news report by the National News Agency. <u>Ambulances</u> rushed to the site where a vehicle was targeted by the Israeli army in Al-Hosh area of southern Lebanon's coastal city of Tyre, transporting two injured individuals from the scene.

Thursday 4 July 2024



Two individuals, including Al Jazeera reporter, Ahmad Ghanem, were injured on July 4, 2024, when Ghanem's home on the outskirts of southern Lebanon's Kfarchouba was hit by Israeli shelling. Ghanem, who also serves in the Kfarchouba Municipal Council, sustained a head injury from shrapnels, while Ali Al-Haj suffered burns. Gahnem's three-story house was heavily damaged. The National News Agency reported that the incident occurred amidst intense artillery shelling in Kfarchouba.

Access Center for Human Rights issues a statement condemning the Lebanese authorities' arrest of refugee doctors

In a press release on July 4, 2024, Access Center for Human Rights (ACHR) condemned the detention of Syrian refugee doctors in Lebanon by Lebanese authorities without any official statement from the concerned parties regarding the reason for their detention following an alleged complaint against them filed by the Lebanese Order of Physicians. The doctors are: 1) Dr. Al-Muntaser Billah Nizar Shabaan Qabaqibo, 2) Dr. Ahmad Hussein Al-Najm, 3) Dr. Mohammad Mustafa Al-Akhras, 4) Dr. Ammar Mahmoud Khasara, 5) Dr. Avedis Arteen Ohannes, 6) Dr. Bashar Bassem Mustafa, and 7) Dr. Abdel Hadi Abdel Wahab Khattab.

Friday 5 July 2024

Israeli drone strikes south Lebanon's Markaba

An Israeli military drone on July 5, 2024, conducted an airstrike targeting the southern Lebanese town of Markaba. There has been at least one casualty as a result of the attack according to a news report by the National News Agency.

Saturday and Sunday 6 and 7 July 2024

Fifth Trial Session Held in Beirut Military Court for Bashar al-Saud's Torture Killing

On Friday, July 5th, 2024, the fifth trial session in the case of the killing of the Syrian citizen Bashar al-Saud under torture was held before the military court in Beirut, according to a news article released by Legal Agenda on July 6, 2024. The court session was dedicated to hearing the testimony of the forensic doctors who prepared their reports on Saud's death. The two doctors confirmed that Saud's death resulted from beatings. However, during the session, the Judge and defense attorneys explored other reasons to justify the death, possibly to lessen the responsibility of state security members accused of causing death under torture. The prosecutor's representative strongly advocated for public interest, after the victim's heirs waived their personal rights against the accused. The session was adjourned until October 11, 2024, to hear defense attorneys' arguments. Previously, on November 29, 2022, Investigating Judge at the Military Court, Najat Abu Shaqra, issued an indictment accusing Hamza Ibrahim (son of former Military Court President Khalil Ibrahim), responsible for the police station, and three others - Youssef Barri, Abbas Khaz'al, and Fadi Fakih - of committing the crime of torture resulting in death. She also suspected a fourth individual, Sergeant Khodr Zain al-Din, of committing the crime of torture.

Amer Halawi recounts the details of the assault he suffered in the Tyre area

On July 6, 2024, Amer Halawi from the city of Tyre posted a video explaining how supporters of Hezbollah in Tyre assaulted him because he criticized Hezbollah on his personal Facebook page. Halawi's daughter and family miraculously survived an assassination attempt by Israel targeting a Hezbollah official in Tyre, where their house is located on the route the official's convoy passed through during the assassination. The incident terrified Halawi's daughter and family, as their house windows were shattered. Helawi criticized how officials' vehicles pass through civilian areas despite knowing that Israel does not distinguish between civilian and military targets in its attacks, potentially endangering everyone. This led to numerous threats and physical assaults against him.

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)
- o 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.

