

RC BEIRUT COSMOPOLITAN PRESENTATION LEBANON AND BEIRUT PORT EXPLOSION

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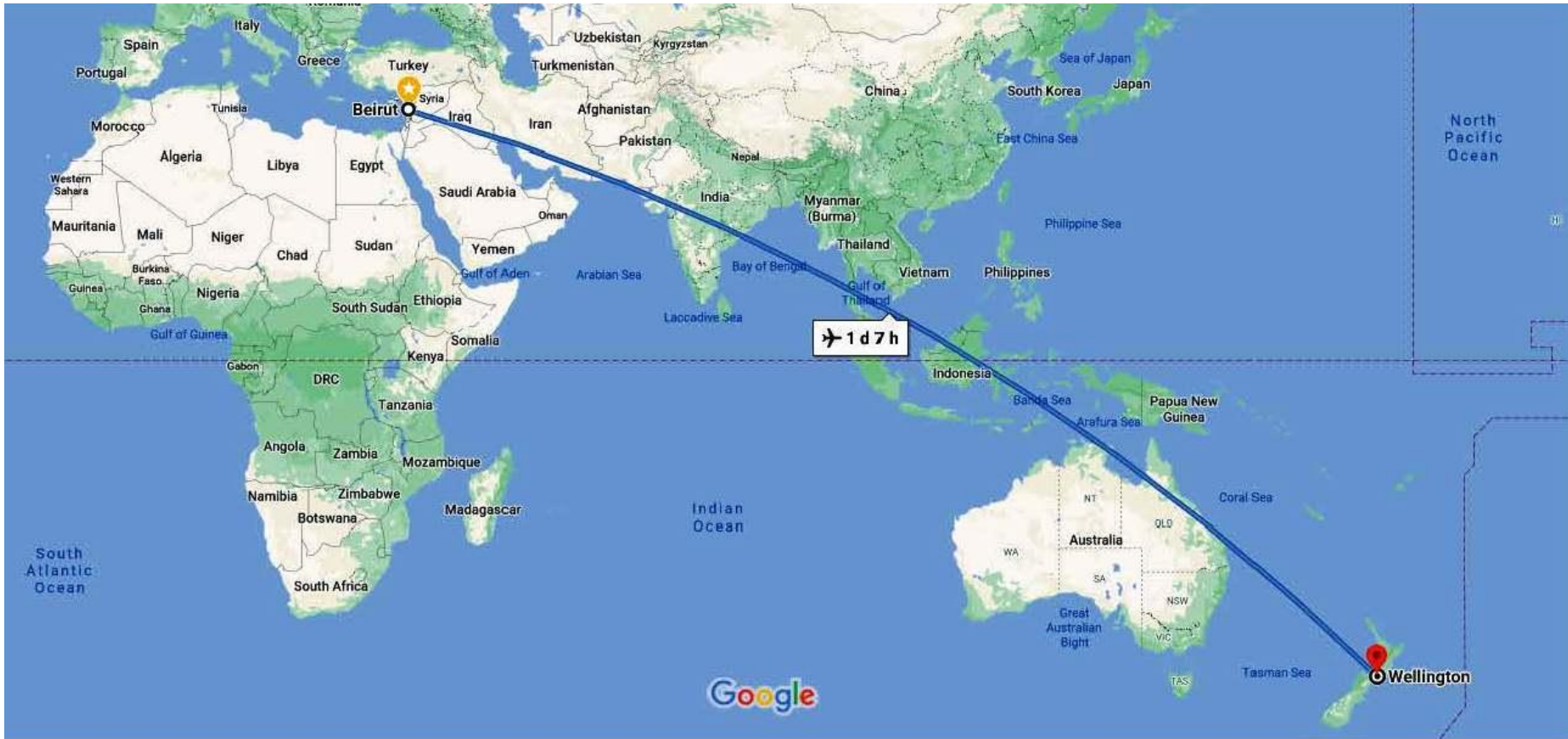
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Locating Beirut – Approx 16,358km from Wellington direction North West

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Map data ©2020 Google 2000 km

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Lebanon, Neighbourhood & Conflict

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- Syrian Conflict to East and North
- Palestine/ Israel Struggle to South

History - Fertile Crescent

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- Cradle of Western Civilization
 - First Settlement of agricultural communities starting as early as 9000BC
 - Mesopotamia
 - Phoenicia/Canaan
 - Egypt



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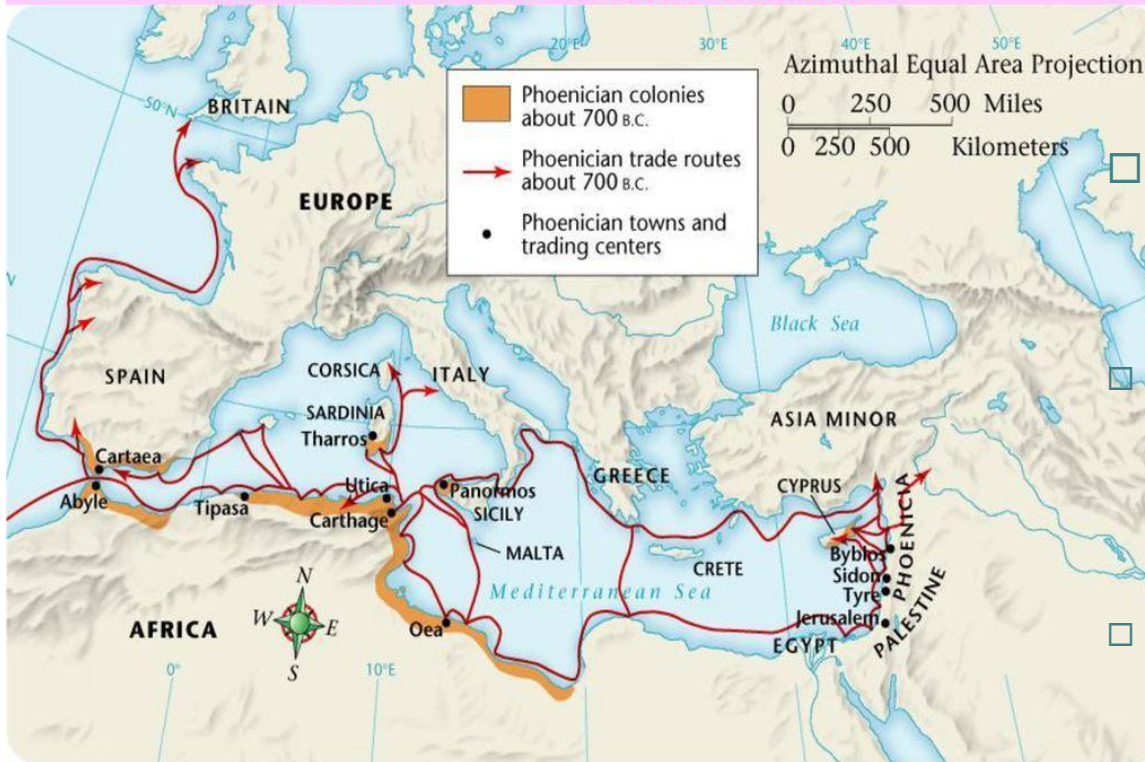


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History - The Phoenician Civilization

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Phoenician Civilization



- A Trading Civilization
- ▣ Roughly 1000 BC to 200 BC

Spanned the Mediterranean and Beyond

Major Phoenician cities

- ▣ Byblos
- ▣ Sidon
- ▣ Tyre

Phoenician Alphabet

- ▣ Origin of All Phonetic Alphabets

Ottoman Rule, Mount Lebanon and the State of Beirut

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Ottoman Wilayat of Beirut (1888-1917)



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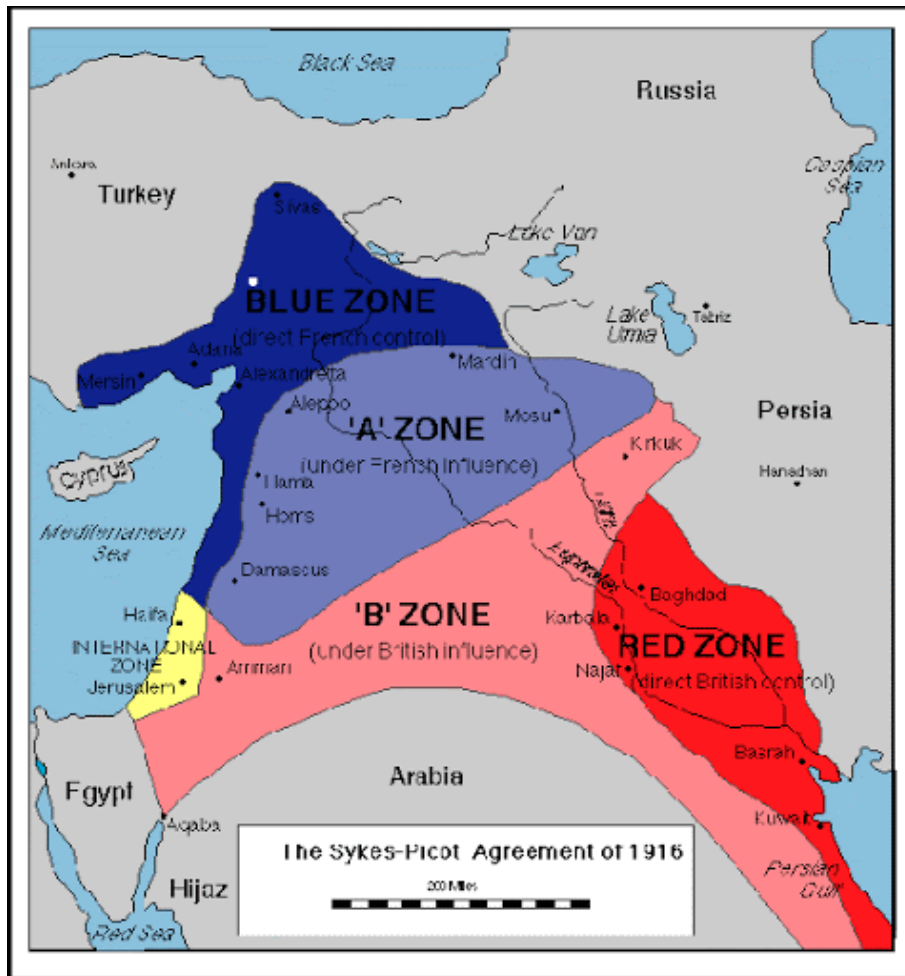


□ Ottoman Rule

- Mid 1500s till end of World War I
- The Administrative State of Beirut Extended practically along the entire East Mediterranean Coast
- Mutasarifiyat Mount Lebanon was autonomous with close links to West especially France
- Mount Lebanon historically provided a sanctuary for the persecuted

1916 Sykes-Picot Agreement

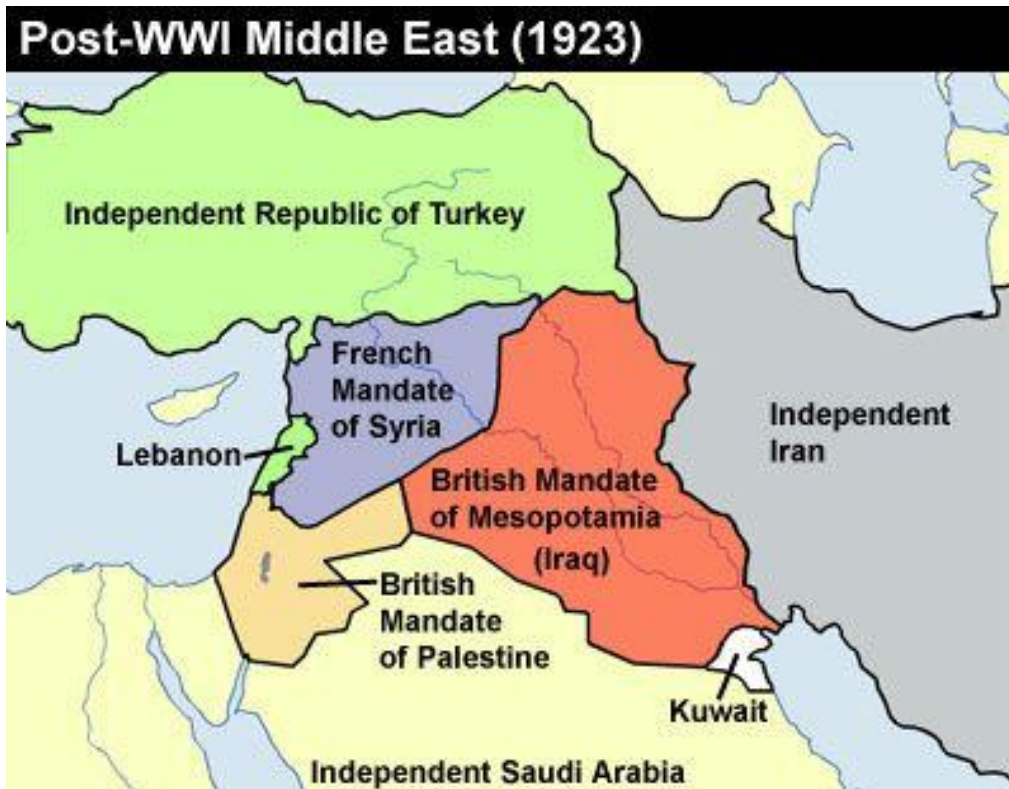
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- Prior to end of World War I colonial Powers (France and Great Britain) carved out what would be the spoils of victory
 - Lebanon (and Syria) would ultimately come under French Control
- Balfour Declaration - 1917

Colonial Mandates and Creation of Lebanon State

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- The State of Greater Lebanon created under French Mandate
 - 1 September 1920
 - Greater Lebanon “celebrates” its 100 year anniversary on 1 September 2020

Lebanon Independence and Governorates (or Provinces)

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- Lebanon Gains Independence From France in 1943
 - Independence day 22 Nov
- Governorates
 - Beirut
 - Mount Lebanon
 - North Lebanon
 - South Lebanon
 - Bekaa
 - Major Port Cities
 - Beirut
 - Tripoli
 - Byblos
 - Sidon
 - Tyre



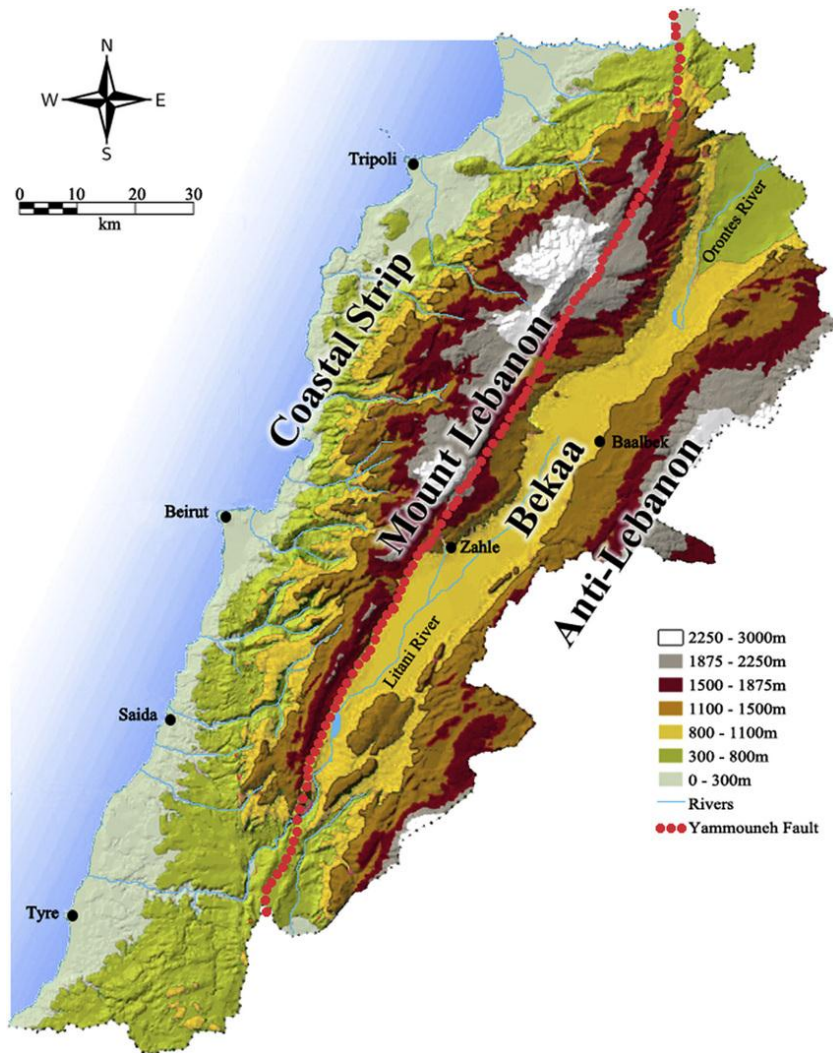
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Lebanon Geography

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- No deserts
- No camels
- Yes Snow & Ski
- Peak: 3,088metres (The Black Corner)



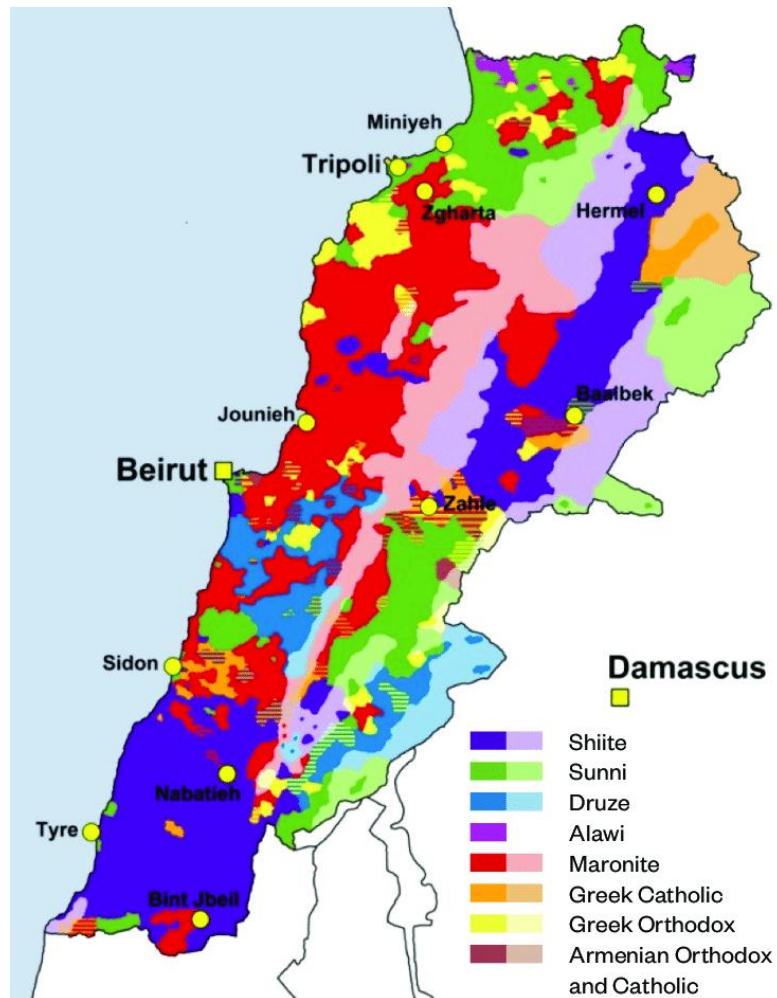
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Lebanon Religious Community

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- 18 Different religious sects in Lebanon
 - Maronite Christian
 - Sunni Islam
 - Shiite Islam
 - Plus 15 other sects

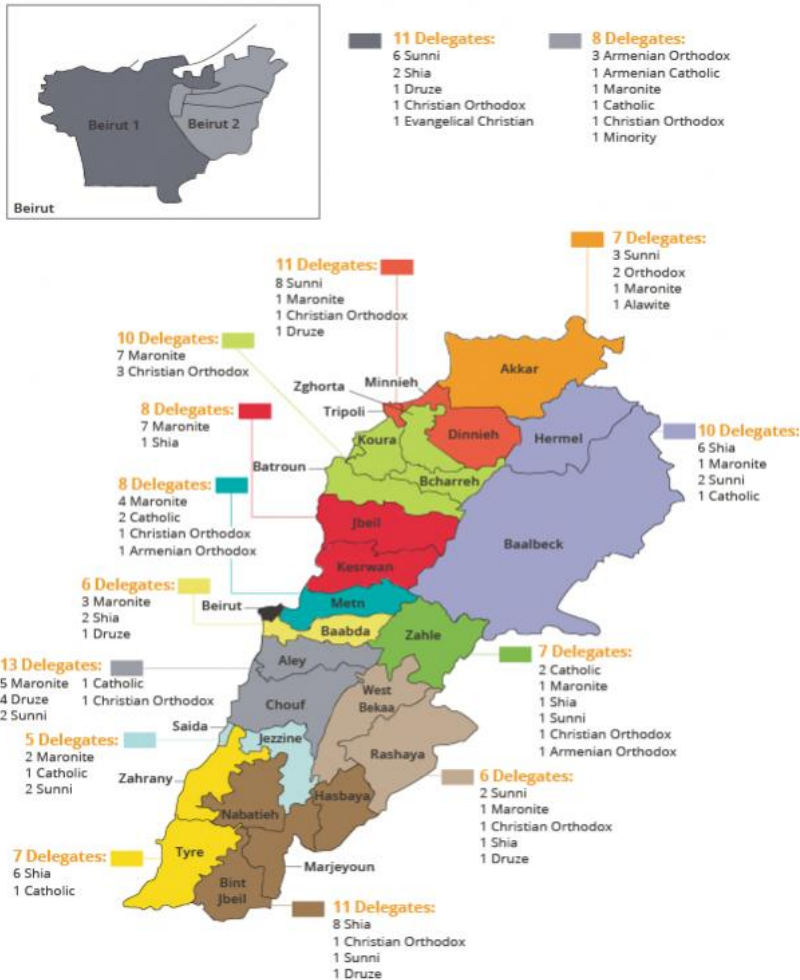


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Lebanon Religion and Politics



Confessional Political System

- ▣ President Christian Maronite
- ▣ Prime Minister Sunni
- ▣ Head of Parliament Shiite
- ▣ 128 seat Parliament divided equally between Christians and Muslims
- ▣ Government quotas are allocated equally between Christians and Muslims

Beirut Port and Districts

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- Beirut – Home of First Law School (Roman Era)
- Capital of Lebanon
- Centralized Government

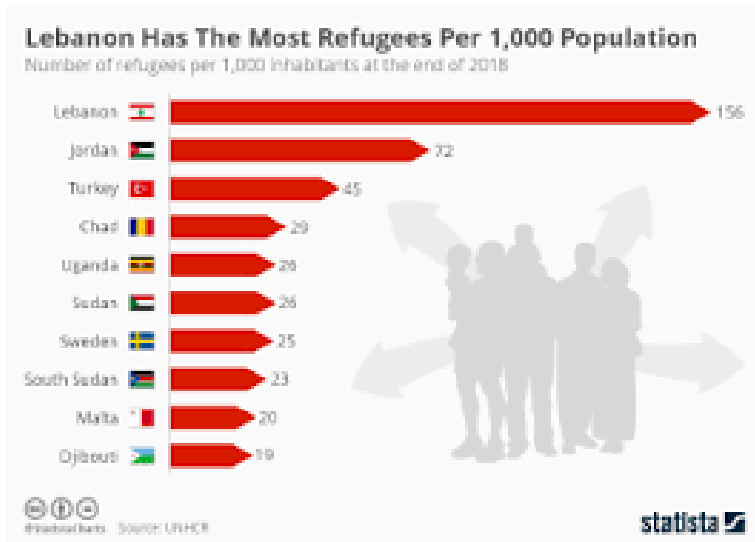
Situation Leading up to Beirut Explosion

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- 30 Year Political Dysfunction (1990-2020)
 - (Prior to that 15 year civil war (1975-1990)
 - Political bickering, clientelism, corruption
 - Geo-political entanglement
 - Two regional political axes Saudi(Sunni) and Iran(Shiite)
 - Lebanon is a microcosm of the region politically/religiously
 - Dividing politics and allegiances in Lebanon
 - Still no regular electricity, basic services
 - Severe deterioration of basic services in recent years
- Revolution (“Thawra”) starting 17 October 2019
- Economic and Financial Meltdown
- Capital Control – Banking Sector
- And then COVID-19 from March 2020



In addition Syrian and Palestinian Refugees



- Roughly 2million Syrian
- Roughly 500,000 Palestinian Refugees
- Putting additional pressure on a broken system

Beirut Explosion – 4 August 2020

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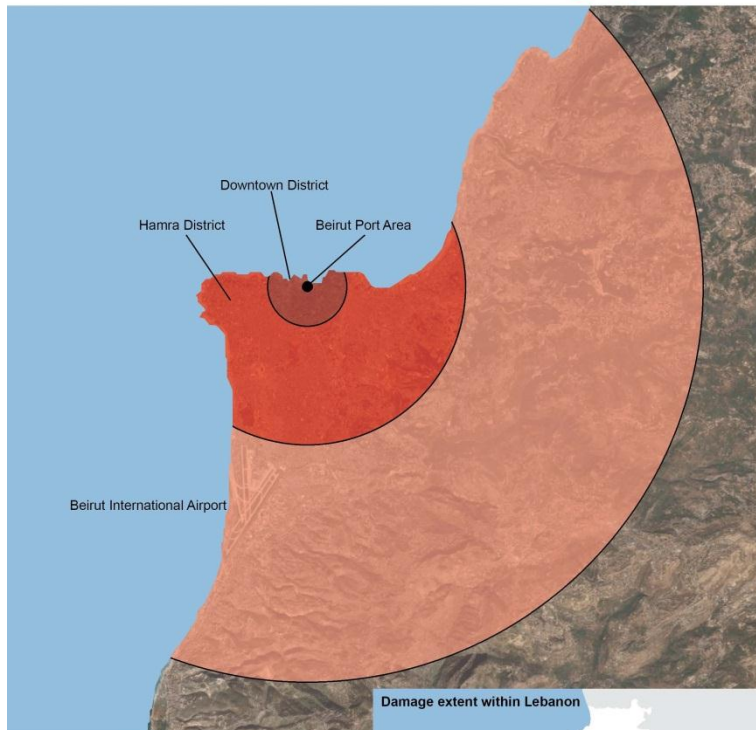
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Beirut Port Explosion - 4 August 2020

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Lebanon: Beirut Port Explosion, 4 August 2020



- Approximate explosion location
- Confirmed total infrastructure damage (up to 2km)
- Confirmed extensive infrastructure damage (up to 8km)
- Reported minor damage (up to 20km)

Data Sources: ESRI, BBC, Social Media, IFRC, Lebanese RC

The maps used do not imply the expression of any opinion on the part of the International Federation of Red Cross Red Crescent Societies or National Societies concerning legal status of a territory or its authorities.

- 1. point of impact
- 2. confirmed total infrastructure damage (up to 2km)
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Beirut Port Before and After

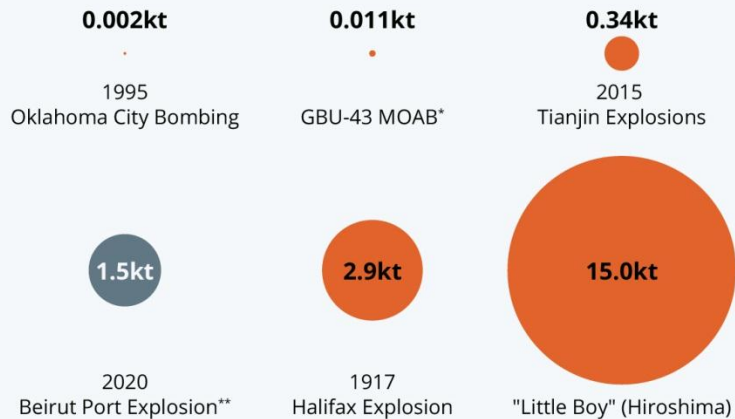


Beirut Explosion Statistics

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How Powerful Was The Explosion In Beirut?

Estimated kiloton yield of selected explosions/weapons



* Most powerful conventional bomb ever used in combat

** Based on research from the University of Sheffield

Source: Statista Research



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- 2,750 tonnes of ammonium nitrate (equivalent to 1.0 to 1.5 kt of TNT)
- One of the most powerful non-nuclear blasts in history
 - 171 killed
 - 100s reported missing
 - 6,000 wounded
 - 300,000 displaced
 - 70,000 inhabitable units damaged
 - \$15+ Billion USD damage

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Beirut Recovery - Needs

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- Immediate Relief and Cleanup
 - ▣ Medical Supplies, PPE Equipment
 - ▣ Food
 - ▣ Shelter, Blankets and House items
 - ▣ Cleaning Up Damage and Debris
- Long Term Effort
 - ▣ Repairs and Reconstruction
 - ▣ Psychological and Trauma Support
 - ▣ Collecting Recyclable Material (Glass, Aluminium, Metal, Wood, etc)



Beirut Recovery – RC Beirut Cosmopolitan Focus

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- **Repairs and Reconstruction – Needy Areas**
 - **Hospital Karantina**
 - Paediatric and Neonatal Operating Theater 400k USD
 - Paediatric wing 90k USD
 - **Joining Forces with RC Metn for Minor Home Repairs in Area Surrounding Explosion**
- **Psychological and Trauma Support**
 - Collaborate with NGO's
- **Collecting Recyclable Material**
 - Glass, Aluminium, Metal, Wood, etc
- **Rotaractors/Interactors on the ground with NGOs**



RC Beirut Cosmopolitan – RY 2020/2021 Focus

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- Vision: Enhanced Quality of Life for All in our Community
- **RY Theme: Sustainable Living**
- Project Focus: Sustainable Community Economic Development with Positive Environmental Impact Where Possible
- Addressing the needy – especially those falling below Poverty Line



Videos and Maps

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- Port of Beirut explosion report video
 - ▣ <https://youtu.be/FnSr820S2Mk>
- Before and After Video
 - ▣ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jgOoeOPhDWY>
- Map Proximity Karantina Hospital to Explosion point
 - ▣ <https://www.google.com/maps/place/Beirut+Governmental+Hospital+-+Karantina/@33.9023082,35.5206393,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x151f1667849e7d69:0xb1a8f15330bcdf6a!8m2!3d33.9023082!4d35.529394?hl=en>



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