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CELEBRATING HUMANITY : DESIGN COMPETITION

RE-THINKING THE FUTURE PORT OF BEIRUT

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CONCEPT PHILOSOPHY

Currently, urbanization have taken a huge wave over the area of beirut, buildings losing their architectural identity with any correlation to the past style adopted in beirut, and low amount of green saces in comparison to pre- war landuse.

Hence, the port was conceived as partly deattached from the city, so the main goal was to reconnect it with its existing neighborhood and expand it into a well configured port.

The memorial was placed were the explosion happened, where a monolithic structure was put to send a political and a strong mesage about the resilience of the lebanese people. Off- axis, are pillars places in the sea, representing the lost souls of on the day of the explosion. That can be lit at night, and faded into the sea horizon, seen from a far.

INSPIRATION



Richard Serra - East-West / West-East
Reflected on the Sea of Lost Souls in Plan



Murten lake - Jean Nouvel
Reflected on the Watch Tower & Memorial



Sydney Bridge
Reflected on the Bridge Between Dock 4
and its facing Dock



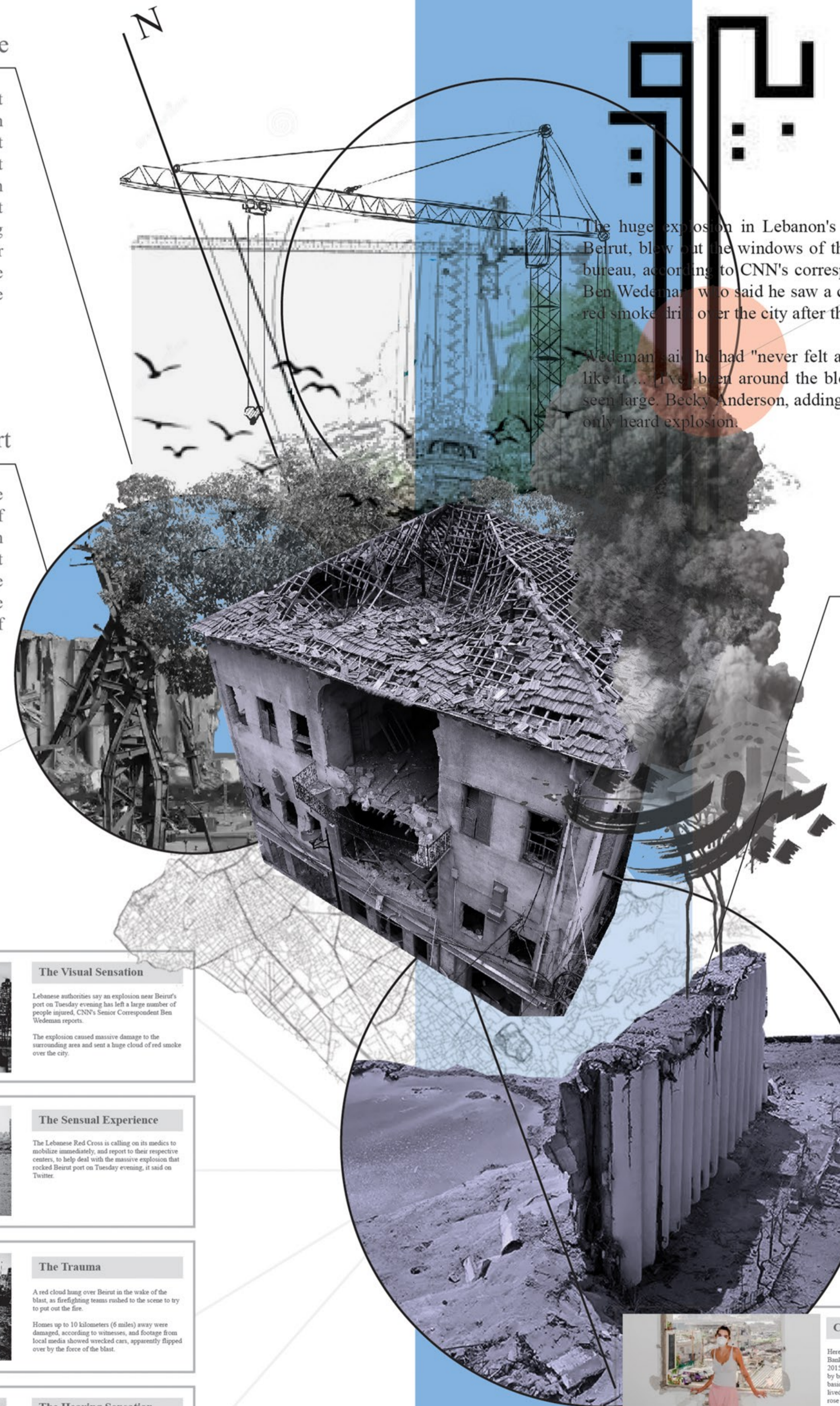
Zaha Hadid - Passenger Terminal
Reflected on the Water Floating Passenger
Terminal

The Beirut Sculpture

A sculpture of a giant angular figure made from the wreckage of last summer's Beirut port blast was unveiled at the site on Monday, drawing support from some but also stoking anger among other Lebanese who believe justice should come before memorials.

A Renaissance of Art

The artwork dubbed "The Gesture" is the creation of Lebanese architect Nadim Karam, a Beirut resident and artist who says he wanted to pay tribute to the families of the victims of the explosion.



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A Distorted Fabric

Hundreds have been reported missing, raising fears that the death toll will rise, the health minister said Wednesday.

More than 300,000 people have been displaced from their homes. Authorities declared Beirut a "disaster city" and imposed a two-week state of emergency.



The Visual Sensation

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The explosion caused massive damage to the surrounding area and sent a large cloud of red smoke over the city.



The Sensual Experience

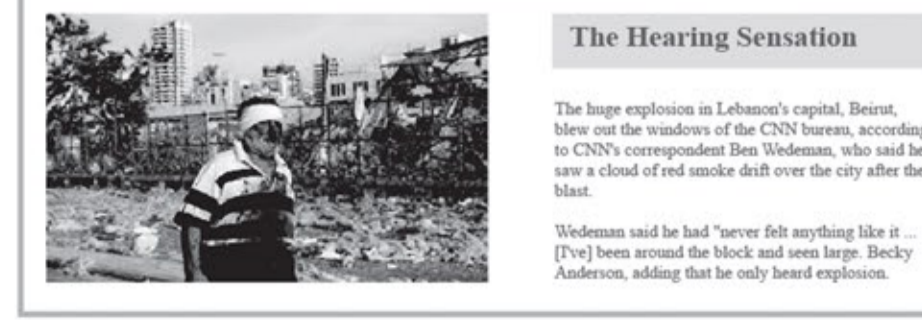
The Lebanese Red Cross is calling on its members to mobilize immediately, and report to their respective centers, to help deal with the massive explosion that rocked Beirut port on Tuesday evening, it said on Twitter.



The Trauma

A red cloud hung over Beirut in the wake of the blast, as firefighting teams rushed to the scene to try to put out the fire.

Homes up to 10 kilometers (6 miles) away were damaged, according to witnesses, and footage from local media showed wrecked cars, apparently flipped over by the force of the blast.



The Hearing Sensation

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Urban Architectural Wounds

It's still unclear what exactly caused the explosion. Lebanon's prime minister said an investigation would focus on an estimated 2,700 metric tons of explosive ammonium nitrate stored at a warehouse.

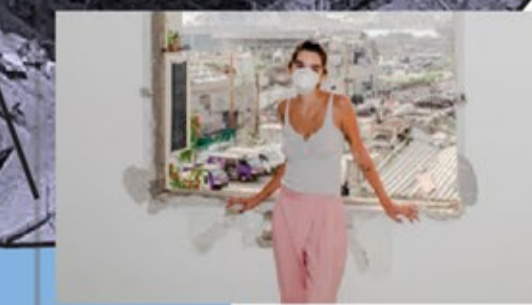
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Survivor's Pain & Guilt

Lebanese hospitals have been overwhelmed after an explosion struck Beirut's port on Tuesday, killing at least 117 and wounding 3,000. Four hospitals were damaged in the blast.

Lebanon recorded 209 coronavirus cases on Tuesday and 146 cases on Wednesday, according to an official statement by the Health Ministry on Twitter.



Citizen Aids

Here was a country so brazenly corrupt the World Bank abandoned its usual diplomatic language in 2015, declaring the country "increasingly governed by bribery and nepotism practices, failing to deliver basic human services." Among ordinary people, the lived reality of Lebanese politics produced a pall that rose like the stench of the garbage that has accumulated on the capital's streets because officials cannot figure out where to put it.

CONTEXTUAL ANALYSIS

