## BEIRUT EXPLOSION DEATH MORE THAN 135 AND 5000 INJURED

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KOLKATA, AUGUST07: A massive explosion rocked Beirut in Lebanon on Tuesday at about 6:30 p.m. It was the most powerful explosion in years to hit Beirut. The blast struck with the force of a 3.5 magnitude earthquake. It was heard and felt as far as Cyprus more than 200 kilometres across the Mediterranean. The cause of the blast was not immediately known. More than 135 people were killed and nearly 5,000 injured. Rescue operation had been started immediately. The hospitals were filled with the injured persons. Abbas Ibrahim, chief of Lebanese General Security said it might have been caused by highly explosive material that was confiscated from a ship some time ago and stored at the port. The glasses of many building's window in the city were shattered by the push of explosion. The panic has spread among the public throughout Beirut due to incident. The Lebanon eruption destroyed huge stocks of wheat. As a result the people were spending the days in starvation. The important port turned into rubble. An investigation had been started to find out the cause of the incident. The country's Supreme Marwan Abud said about 300000 people had lost their homes and announced that the accused will be severely punished. France and Israel had extended their helping hands to Lebanon.

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