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## We Stand with Beirut



At least 154 people killed, mostly Lebanese and Syrian, over 5000 people injured, more than 300,000 people made homeless, and property damage estimated at between \$10 billion to \$15 billion. On August 4, 2020, a mass explosion at a warehouse near the Port of Beirut left a city, nation, and region in utter ruin.

A devastated Lebanese public is laying the blame on government corruption, negligence, and incompetence. Mass protests have broken out, Lebanon's Prime Minister and Cabinet have all resigned, and the people are demanding accountability, transparency, and the rule of law. A political and economic system steeped in cronyism, nepotism, and powerful families is being challenged by a grassroots, non-sectarian, intergenerational, mass movement.



We stand with those demanding social and economic justice in Lebanon and around the world. We are reminded that the demands being made on the streets of Beirut and the demands being made on the streets of Chicago, especially since the murder of George Floyd, are bred of the same phenomena: systemic oppression and a lack of resolve on the part of governments, businesses, institutions, and broader publics.

History is reckoning with the present in truly profound ways. We are both horrified and inspired.

Lebanon's ransacked economy and fractured social contract cannot bear loss and despair of this magnitude. If you are able to donate to emergency relief efforts in Lebanon, we encourage you to consider the organizations

infrastructure.

[Fund Lebanon](#) - All funds donated through this Fund will be matched by two anonymous tech companies and distributed to five NGOs; Lebanese Red Cross, Beit el Baraka, Lebanese Food Bank, Donner Sang Compter, and OffreJoie

[Beirut Emergency Fund](#) - A group of Lebanese Diaspora organizations providing support to multiple relief efforts

[Rebuild Beirut](#) - An initiative by LiveLove Lebanon, helping donors support individual families fixing their homes

[Impact Lebanon and Baytna Baytak](#) - Funding efforts to shelter people affected by the Beirut port explosion

[Disaster Relief for Lebanese Transgender Community](#) - Helping provide shelter, food, medicine, transportation and more to transgender and non-binary individuals in Beirut

Our colleagues at the Middle Eastern and North African Theater Makers Alliance ([MENATMA](#)) have developed an online resource of recommended relief funds to support the victims in Lebanon. [Click here to learn more.](#)

MENATMA "Resources for Lebanon"

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**Don't Miss This Exciting  
Panel Today at 2:00pm CST**

**A Conversation with the  
MENA Theater Makers**

**With Evren Odcikin, Jamil Khoury &  
Tracy Cameron Francis**  
**Moderated by Dr. Michael Malek Najjar**

**Thursday, August 13, 2020 @ 3:00 PM ET/12:00 PM PT**  
**Register: <https://tinyurl.com/y6owb59p>**



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