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NEWS letter



Beirut explosion

- The disaster was preceded by a large fire at the Port of Beirut, on the city's northern Mediterranean coast.
- That blastwave levelled buildings near the port and caused extensive damage over much of the rest of the capital, which is home to two million people. Hospitals were quickly overwhelmed

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How big was the blast?

- The blast destroyed the immediate dockside area, creating a crater approximately 140 metres wide, which flooded with seawater.
- The warehouse where the initial fire and explosions were observed was completely obliterated and an adjacent grain silo was heavily damaged.
- Satellite images highlight complete devastation in the port area, with one ship apparently blown out of the water and onto the dockside.

What was the cause?

Lebanon's President, Michel Aoun, blamed the detonation on 2,750 tonnes of ammonium nitrate that he said had been stored unsafely at a warehouse in the port.

A similar amount of the chemical arrived on a Moldovan-flagged cargo ship, the MV Rhosus, which docked in Beirut in 2013 after suffering technical problems while sailing from Georgia to Mozambique.

The Rhosus was inspected, banned from leaving and was shortly afterwards abandoned by its owners, according to Shiparrested.com. Its cargo was reportedly transferred to Warehouse 12 following a court order, and should have been disposed of or resold.

Who is to blame?

President Aoun promised a transparent investigation into the blast and at least 20 people have been arrested so far.

Prime Minister Diab described the circumstances that led to the explosion as "unacceptable" but offered his government's resignation six days later. However, he avoided taking responsibility for the blast and instead blamed the country's entrenched political elite.

Mr Koraytem and the director general of Lebanese Customs, Badri Daher, said their warnings about the danger posed by the stored ammonium nitrate and calls for it to be removed were repeatedly ignored.

"We requested that it be re-exported but that did not happen. We leave it to the experts and those concerned to determine why," Mr Daher told broadcaster LBCI.

Documents circulated online appeared to show that **customs officials sent letters to the judiciary seeking guidance at least six times from 2014 to 2017.**

But investigative journalist Riyad Qobaissi says these letters did not follow the right procedures and that customs officials simply kept resending the same letters in response to the judge's request for more information.

The government has ordered officials at the port who oversaw the storage of the ammonium nitrate to be put under house arrest pending the completion of the investigation.

Source : BBC News.com



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Chest Pain

This is the most common sign of a heart attack, but it's not always a crushing, sudden pain.

Arm or Back Pain

Men typically feel it in the left arm, but women may hurt in both. Your arms could feel heavy or "useless." It could be a sign of angina or a heart attack.

Neck or Jaw Pain

You can feel pain above the shoulders when you're having a heart attack. Your lower jaw on one or both sides may hurt or feel tight.

Unusual Fatigue

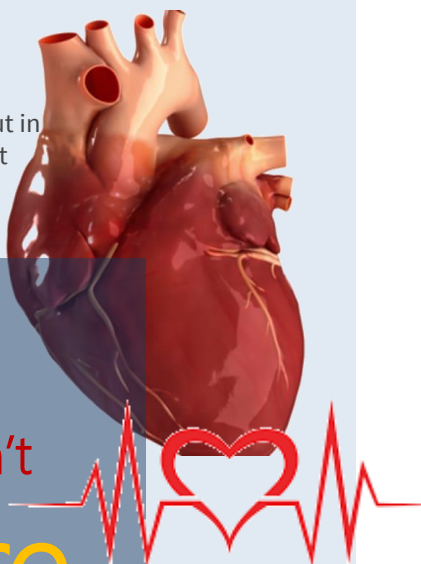
Everybody's busy, so it's normal to feel tired once in a while. But it's a red flag for heart attack if you suddenly get wiped out at times you usually wouldn't.

Erectile Dysfunction (ED)

If you have this problem often, it could be a sign that you have heart disease. Blood vessels in your penis may be clogged with plaque, just like vessels around your heart can get blocked.

Sweating and Trouble Breathing

If you're having a heart attack, you may break out in a sweat even if you're not pushing yourself hard.



Heart
Symptoms
You **Shouldn't**
Ignore



We can only achieve national unity through loving our fellow Malaysians from other races and religious beliefs. This means we learn to respect our different cultures and beliefs in society. When we practice love, we inevitably learn to accept our rich diversity and seek national unity instead.

We seek dialogues to resolve any misunderstanding on perceived sensitive issues with an open heart of honesty, transparency and love.

It is only when Malaysians learn to love our neighbours as fellow Malaysians, irrespective of race and religion, can transformation of society really take place. Merdeka Day is not just about remembering our nation's independence from colonial rule. It is about setting our minds free from racial prejudices and discrimination.