

Beirut blast: Heartbreaking pictures show how the massive explosion tore up thousands of homes

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Found Armali sits inside his destroyed apartment after Tuesday's explosion in the seaport of Beirut, Lebanon

Farah Mahmoud, wrapped in Lebanese national flag, checks her parents destroyed apartment after Tuesday's explosion in the seaport of Beirut, Lebanon

Hasan Al Armali, holds a wall clock that was stopped working at the time of the Tuesday's explosion in the seaport of Beirut, poses for a photograph at his bedroom inside his destroyed apartment, in Beirut , Lebanon

George Abdo, 58, poses for a photograph inside his destroyed apartment after Tuesday's explosion in the seaport of Beirut, Lebanon, Thursday

Waleed Mokbel, 78, poses for a photograph inside his destroyed apartment after Tuesday's explosion in the seaport of Beirut, Lebanon

Fouad Armali smokes water-pipe in his destroyed apartment at Gemmayzeh neighborhood, which suffered extensive damage from the Tuesday's explosion at the seaport of Beirut, Lebanon

Mona Al Chami, poses for a photograph inside her destroyed apartment after Tuesday's explosion in the seaport of Beirut, Lebanon

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