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The Beirut Explosion – Is It A Bird? Is It A Plane? Is It A Faked Video Of A Missile? | Bellingcat

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In the days after every catastrophe, it is inevitable that rumours and misinformation will be passed around on social networks and by word of mouth. This appears to be a universal human behaviour. The disaster in Beirut is no different. In the three days since the blast we have seen multiple examples of misleading or fake information and videos which seek to mislead people into believing false narratives. In these post we will examine some of them.

We will also examine a more interesting piece of information which was reported by multiple people on the ground, namely that a sound similar to a jet was heard for a few seconds during this catastrophe.

"It was a nuclear explosion"

One of the earliest claims about this explosion is that it was a nuclear detonation. This was spread by a variety of sources, including an organisation called "Veterans Today", which despite appearing legitimate at first glance, is a known conspiracy network.

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