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BLAST FROM THE PAST - AN INVESTIGATOR'S POINT OF VIEW



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While pursuing his PhD in Forensic Science at the University of Leicester, **Marwan Khoury** trained and published with Bellingcat, the world-renowned collective of Open-Source Investigators. He is the co-author of BEIRUT: WHAT REALLY HAPPENED?... Beyond the “fakes” and the “myths”..., a case study of the Beirut port explosion and the misinformation that followed. Since then, he has continued his training with international investigative bodies, taught police officers and investigative journalists, published selected investigations, and supported NGOs and private-sector clients. In October 2025, he launched contextfirst.org, a platform where he discusses “everything investigations” with the curious and the aspiring.

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THE WARS WE FIGHT - A DISCUSSION WITH RONNIE CHATAH



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Ronnie Chatah ran **WalkBeirut from 2009 - 2019**, a walking tour bringing Beirut's history to life by foot. The tour was featured in local and international press and achieved recognition for its storytelling craft challenging impunity.

He launched **The Beirut Banyan podcast** in 2019 covering all that is modern Lebanon, ranging from politics to culture and more recent economic collapse. The Beirut Banyan continues with over 400 episodes. He also hosted **MTV Podcast in 2023**.

Ronnie is also a **writer and political commentator** often featured in major news outlets.

His late father, **Mohamad Chatah**, was assassinated in December 2013. Ronnie remains true to his father's commitment of a country where freedom of speech and belief are respected, and a Lebanon neither isolated nor defined by hate.

More recently Ronnie has had to fight his own personal battle following a **major scooter accident** and month in hospital. His rehabilitation is ongoing.



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