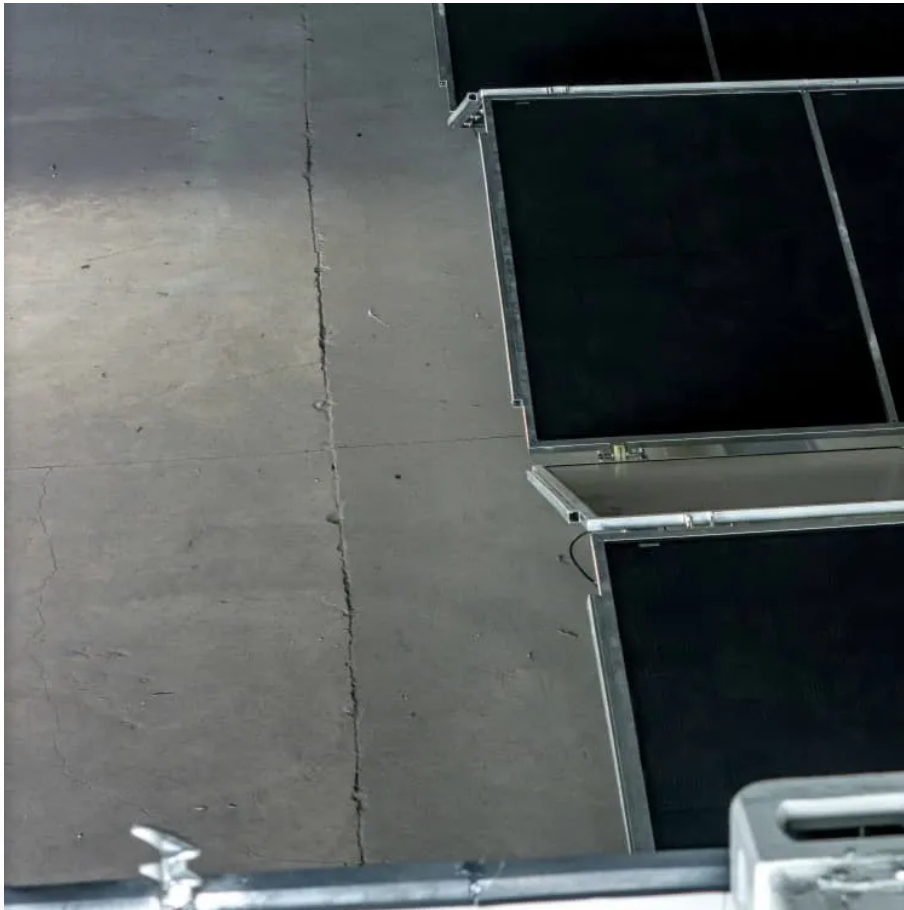


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Shawn Yuan reports from Beirut. Diesel-powered generators are ubiquitous in Lebanon. As big as shipping containers, as small as shoe boxes, they can be found inside buildings, by hospitals, on pavements, and on rooftops, and they are practically the only way to guarantee an electricity supply.

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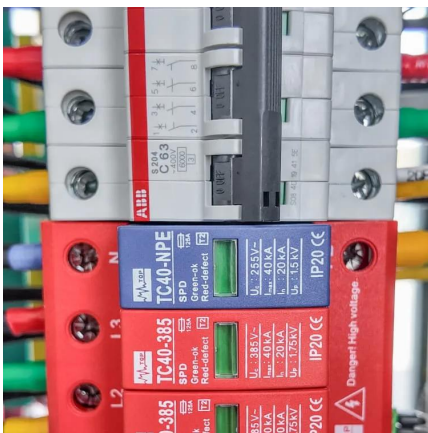
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