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Considerations On Mass Calamity: an Analysis 5 Years After the Panait Sarbu Maternity Explosion

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On August 16th, 2010, a short-circuit at the electric system of the Intensive Care Unit for Premature Newborns (ICU-PM) of the Giule?ti maternity in Bucharest, Romania, caused a massive explosion. Inside, at the time, there were 11 babies. Of them, eventually, six would die. Over one hundred persons were evacuated in the following hours by the emergency services, among them the mother – children couplets that were transferred to the Burns Unit of the Children’s Hospital (Gr. Alexandrescu). Of six transferred, five survived. This analysis looks back at the events, almost five years after the explosion, from the perspective of the psycho-traumatologist embedded with the Burns – Unit team during 9 months afterwards.