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Art This Week: A Mexican Collaboration and the Perils of Cross-Border Travel



Ahmad Hammoud, Passport for the Stateless, 2016, Color-printed paper booklet, 4.9 \times

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Occupational Hazards

Opening Wednesday, May 29 at apexart, 6 pm to 8 pm. On view through July 27.

The central concept of apexart's latest exhibition is pieces of art that have been "lost, damaged, or destroyed when shipped through the Middle East," a theme that seems so specific it might seem like it could only result in a meager showcase. As the show contains over a dozen artists from all over the world, particularly those with ties to places like Iran, Kuwait, and Palestine, it is apparent that art in international transit can meet this fate more frequently than one might surmise. This can encompass more mundane wear and tear from the everyday bumpiness of travel and the customs process, or it can have more complicated, insidious origins, such as the time artist Ahmad Hammound's passportesque creation got torn up and marked with red pen for daring to remotely resemble a travel document.



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