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# LOSSES IN EUROPE

## AUSTRIA

### MAJOR FIRE AT WASTE RECYCLING WAREHOUSE IN VIENNA DONAUSTADT

July 3, 2026

*Fire and/or Explosion*

Source: <https://wien.orf.at/stories/3361197/>



On July 3, 2026, a major fire broke out at a waste recycling plant and warehouse in the Donaustadt district of Vienna, Austria, near Gotramgasse. The incident triggered a Level 4 alert, with significant smoke visible across the city. Firefighters responded with 31 vehicles and 120 personnel, successfully containing the fire. No injuries were reported as no people were inside the affected hall at the time. Road closures on the Südosttangente (A23) were implemented due to firefighting efforts and structural concerns, with public transport also disrupted. Demolition work on the damaged structure was planned for the following day.

## BELGIUM

### CENTRIFUGE FAILURE AT ARSENAL MILITARY PLANT 3

July 3, 2026

*Machinery Breakdown*

Source: [https://www.novinite.com/view\\_news.php?id=233222](https://www.novinite.com/view_news.php?id=233222)



On July 3, 2026, a centrifuge at Arsenal Military Plant 3 in Belgium suffered mechanical failure during operation. A worker was fatally struck by a projectile from the failing equipment. Two other workers in the area were not injured. The facility is involved in drying nitro-glycerin-based mixtures for gunpowder production. Technical documentation has been seized for investigation.

## FIRE AT BRUSSELS RECYCLING METAL PLANT IN HAREN

July 8, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: <https://www.brusselstimes.com/2220819/person-hospitalised-and-traffic-disrupted-after-fire-at-recycling-plant-in-north-brussels>



On July 8, 2026, a fire broke out in a 2500 square meter hangar at Brussels Recycling Metal, a company specializing in the processing of metal and electronic waste on Chaussée de Buda in Haren, Brussels. The incident led to the evacuation of nearby businesses and the hospitalization of one person due to smoke inhalation. A large smoke plume was visible, prompting residents to close windows and ventilation as a precaution. Firefighters from Brussels and Flemish Brabant collaborated to control the fire, which impacted rail traffic on line 25. The perimeter of safety was lifted by late afternoon, and operations were reduced.

## DEADLY FIRE AT OXY BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SITE IN BRUSSELS

July 14, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: <https://english.news.cn/20260715/de9e145f6586492685a6cca1bbec23d9/c.html>



A major fire broke out on July 14, 2026, at the Oxy building on De Brouckere Square in central Brussels, Belgium, during extensive renovation works. The blaze, which started on the second floor and spread to elevator shafts, resulted in at least six fatalities among construction workers trapped in the shafts. Approximately 250 workers were evacuated from the site. The multifunctional complex under redevelopment includes future offices, housing, retail, restaurants, and a hotel. The fire was brought under control, but search and rescue operations continued. The cause remains under investigation by authorities.



## CZECH REPUBLIC

### MAJOR FIRE DESTROYS SHOE WAREHOUSE AT HISTORIC BATA FACTORY COMPLEX IN ZLÍN

July 9, 2026

*Fire and/or Explosion*

Source: <https://www.e15.cz/domaci/vasky-po-pozaru-hlasi-obri-ztratu-prisli-jsme-temer-o-vsechno-rika-zakladatel-1434195>



A large fire broke out on July 9, 2026, in a warehouse located on the ninth floor of Building 34 in the former Bata shoe factory complex in Zlín, Czech Republic. The facility, used as the central storage for Vasky and Botas brands, contained approximately 75,000 pairs of shoes along with clothing and accessories valued at 150-180 million CZK. The blaze led to partial collapse of the building structure. Nearly 300 firefighters responded with high alert level, using helicopters and extensive resources. No injuries or casualties were reported, with preventive evacuations of surrounding areas. The cause remains under investigation. Production continues unaffected elsewhere, but distribution is temporarily impacted.

## FRANCE

### VIOLENT FIRE DESTROYS TWO BUILDINGS AT CATANA SHIPYARD IN CANET-EN-ROUSSILLON

July 2, 2026

*Fire and/or Explosion*

Source: <https://www.usinenouvelle.com/quotidien-des-usines/250-salaries-evacues-et-deux-batiments-detruits-un-violent-incendie-a-touche-le-chantier-naval-catana-de-canet-en-roussillon.EULPJPGTUJB7PCOREWQUVLSHSU.html>



On July 2, 2026, a violent fire broke out in Canet-en-Roussillon, Pyrénées-Orientales, affecting the Catana Group shipyard. Two buildings housing assembly lines for Bali 5.8 and Catana OC 50 catamarans were completely destroyed. Approximately 250 employees were evacuated. The fire also impacted nearby campings and port areas, leading to the evacuation of around 1,700 people. Firefighters successfully contained the blaze, and key production molds were saved. The company stated it remains committed to recovery.

## MAJOR FIRE DESTROYS 6,000 M<sup>2</sup> INDUSTRIAL BUILDING IN MITRY-MORY

July 22, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: [https://actu.fr/ile-de-france/mitry-mory\\_77294/en-seine-et-marne-un-impressionnant-incendie-detruit-6-000-m2-dun-batiment-industriel\\_64576303.html](https://actu.fr/ile-de-france/mitry-mory_77294/en-seine-et-marne-un-impressionnant-incendie-detruit-6-000-m2-dun-batiment-industriel_64576303.html)



A significant fire broke out on the evening of 22 July 2026 in an industrial building in the activity zone of Mitry-Mory, Seine-et-Marne, near Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport. The blaze destroyed 6,000 m<sup>2</sup> of the empty structure. Approximately 90 firefighters with 42 vehicles responded. No injuries occurred. About 20 collection vehicles stored inside were successfully rescued. Origin remains unknown.

## WAREHOUSE FIRE AT AUTOMATIC DOORS COMPANY IN CRÉMIEU DESTROYS 2,200 M<sup>2</sup>

July 23, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: [https://www.radioscoop.com/infos/nord-isere-un-entrepot-en-feu-88-pompiers-mobilises\\_360482](https://www.radioscoop.com/infos/nord-isere-un-entrepot-en-feu-88-pompiers-mobilises_360482)



A violent fire erupted early on 23 July 2026 at the Record Portes Automatiques site in the Les Triboullières industrial zone, Crémieu, Isère. One of three warehouse cells covering 2,200 m<sup>2</sup> of a 7,000 m<sup>2</sup> facility was completely destroyed. Sixteen employees were evacuated with no injuries. 88 firefighters and 40 vehicles extinguished the blaze using six water jets.

## FIRE IN WOOD PELLET SILOS AT CF2P PLANT IN LURE

July 27, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: <https://www.ici.fr/bourgogne-franche-comte/haute-saone-70/lure/un-incendie-se-declare-dans-un-silo-de-l-usine-cf2p-a-lure-d-importants-moyens-deployes-4416265>



On 27 July 2026, a fire broke out in two wood pellet silos at the CF2P factory in the Tertre Landry industrial zone in Lure, Haute-Saône. Possibly linked to drought making pellets drier, it posed an explosion risk from dust. 45 firefighters plus technological risk equipment responded. The fire stayed contained inside the silos with no site-wide spread or nearby residences affected. Temporary road closures were lifted.

## GERMANY

### MAJOR FIRE DESTROYS WAREHOUSES AT STUTTGART WHOLESALE MARKET

July 3, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: <https://www.tagesschau.de/inland/regional/badenwuerttemberg/grossbrand-stuttgart-100.html>



A major fire broke out on the evening of July 3, 2026, at the Stuttgart Wholesale Market in the Wangen district. Two warehouse halls were fully engulfed in flames, with the fire spreading between them. Firefighters from multiple units, exceeding 350 personnel in total, battled the blaze for over 16 hours using water cannons, excavators to remove collapsing sections, and water pumped from the Neckar River. No injuries were reported among personnel or civilians. The incident caused significant material damage estimated in the tens of millions of euros, affecting import and wholesale businesses dealing in fresh produce. The cause remains under investigation by police. The fire was brought under control on July 4, with ongoing monitoring.



## WAREHOUSE FIRE IN WASSENBERG INDUSTRIAL AREA

July 19, 2026

*Fire and/or Explosion*

Source: <https://www1.wdr.de/nrw/aachen-eifel/kreis-heinsberg/lagerhalle-brennt-in-wassenberg-100.html>



A large warehouse on Industriestraße in Wassenberg-Forst, Germany, caught fire on the evening of July 19, 2026. Flames reached up to 10 meters, causing the roof to collapse. Extensive smoke affected surrounding areas including Heinsberg and Mönchengladbach, prompting warnings to keep windows closed. No injuries reported. Firefighters with 180 personnel and international support contained the blaze, with ongoing efforts into the next day.

## FIRE AT 1.5 MW BATTERY STORAGE SYSTEM IN BAUTZEN, GERMANY

July 21, 2026

*Fire and/or Explosion*

Source: <https://www.pv-magazine.com/2026/07/22/fire-breaks-out-at-1-5-mw-battery-storage-system-in-germany/>



A fire broke out on July 21, 2026, at a 1.5 MW lithium-ion battery energy storage system in Bautzen, eastern Germany. The facility, consisting of four shipping containers, caught fire for unknown reasons. Firefighters evacuated around 40 residents and have been cooling the site with large volumes of water to prevent thermal runaway. No injuries reported. Cooling operations continued for over a day.

## GREECE

### MAJOR FIRE ENGULFS RECYCLING PLANT AND FACTORIES IN ORAIOKASTRO NEAR THESSALONIKI

July 5, 2026

*Fire and/or Explosion*

Source: <https://greekreporter.com/2026/07/05/thessaloniki-toxic-smoke-fire/>



A wildfire sparked by suspected negligence spread to industrial facilities in Oraïokastro, a suburb of Thessaloniki, Greece, on July 5, 2026. The blaze engulfed a recycling plant and a textile factory, leading to multiple explosions from flammable materials like plastics, tires, and aluminum. Thick toxic smoke blanketed the city, prompting evacuations and health warnings for residents to stay indoors. Over 160 firefighters, supported by aerial units and military assistance, battled the fire for days. Several businesses were destroyed, four firefighters were injured, but no civilian casualties reported. Operations continue to extinguish hotspots.

### FIRE AT SPARE PARTS BUSINESS IN ASPROPYRGOS INJURES ELEVEN WORKERS

July 9, 2026

*Fire and/or Explosion*

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/greek-firefighters-battle-fire-business-site-least-two-injured-2026-07-09/>



A major fire broke out early on July 9, 2026, at a business facility dealing with spare parts, scrap materials, and logistics in the industrial area of Aspropyrgos, approximately 15 km northwest of Athens. The blaze, which followed an explosion, injured 11 people, with three in critical condition including severe burns and intubation. Approximately 75 firefighters with 20 engines, specialized vehicles, and a helicopter responded to contain the fire, which released black smoke and prompted evacuation warnings for nearby residents. The incident damaged multiple businesses in the area. Investigation into the cause is underway.

## MAJOR FIRE AT RECYCLING PLANT IN OMORFOCHORI NEAR LARISSA

July 11, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: <https://www.ekathimerini.com/news/1309329/firefighters-battle-blaze-at-thessaly-recycling-plant/>



A large fire broke out at a recycling facility in Omorfochori, near Larissa in Thessaly, Greece. The blaze involved combustible materials including tires and propane cylinders, leading to explosions and thick smoke affecting the area. Over 50 firefighters with multiple vehicles worked to contain the fire, which is expected to take several days to fully extinguish. No injuries reported; cause under investigation with allegations of arson.

## ITALY

### FIRE AT LAZZARONI SWEETS FACTORY WAREHOUSE IN COLLEDARA

July 3, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: [https://www.ansa.it/sito/notizie/cronaca/2026/07/04/incendio-alla-lazzaroni-in-azione-un-altro-robot-danni-per-un-milione\\_5e83f4fc-4fa7-45ed-bf9d-1c14a3673f87.html](https://www.ansa.it/sito/notizie/cronaca/2026/07/04/incendio-alla-lazzaroni-in-azione-un-altro-robot-danni-per-un-milione_5e83f4fc-4fa7-45ed-bf9d-1c14a3673f87.html)



A major fire broke out in the early hours of July 3, 2026, at the warehouse of the historic Lazzaroni sweets factory in Piane Vomano, Colledara, Teramo province, Italy. The blaze affected approximately 4,000 square meters of the storage facility containing packaged products and packaging materials. Over 50 firefighters from multiple teams responded, utilizing specialized robots and equipment for containment due to collapse risks. A dense smoke column impacted nearby areas and the A24 highway. Environmental monitoring by ARPA showed no immediate critical issues in air or water. Estimated damages exceed one million euros. Operations continued for days to fully extinguish and secure the site.

## EXPLOSION AT FIREWORKS FACTORY KILLS TWO IN BORGOROSE, ITALY

July 8, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: <https://en.lasicilia.it/news/italy-world/3056595/explosion-at-the-fireworks-factory-two-dead-and-two-injured-vds-fireworks-operations-suspended.html>



On July 8, 2026, a violent explosion occurred at the Pirotecnica Mattei fireworks factory in Sant'Anatolia di Borgorose, Rieti province, Italy. The blast, which took place in a small building used for handling pyrotechnic materials, resulted in the collapse of the structure and killed two people: Simone Colle, 30, an employee, and his mother Teresa Tozzi, 60. Two other workers were slightly injured. The incident echoes a similar fatal explosion at the same facility in 2023. Authorities are investigating the cause, with the site now under seizure. This industrial accident highlights ongoing safety concerns in the pyrotechnics sector.

## MAJOR FIRE ENGULFS BARTOLINI LOGISTICS DEPOT IN MILAN

July 8, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: <https://www.milanotoday.it/cronaca/incendio/incendio-dergano-niguarda-brt-don-minzoni-oggi.html>



A large fire broke out around 19:30 on July 8, 2026, at the Bartolini (BRT) logistics depot in Via Don Giovanni Minzoni, Bovisa/Affori area of Milan, Italy. The blaze engulfed containers and trucks inside a warehouse, causing multiple explosions and generating a massive plume of black smoke visible across the city and beyond. No injuries were reported, but residents in nearby neighborhoods were advised to close windows due to smoke. ARPA Lombardia is monitoring air quality. Firefighters are working to contain the incident at this major logistics facility.



## FIRE AT GLOBALWAFERS SEMICONDUCTOR PLANT IN NOVARA, ITALY

July 21, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: <https://finance.biggo.com/news/1686ee66-74f4-4768-9a9f-dbe537703851>



A fire broke out in the cleanroom of the 8-inch production line at GlobalWafers' Novara plant in Italy on July 21, 2026. All personnel were safely evacuated with no injuries reported. The 12-inch production line was unaffected. The company is assessing damage, recovery plans, and resuming operations while rerouting production globally to minimize supply impact. The facility produces MEMS, automotive electronics, and power management devices.

## FIRE AT WASTE RECYCLING FACILITY IN NOVATE MILANESE

July 28, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: [https://www.ansa.it/sito/notizie/cronaca/2026/07/28/incendio-in-ricicleria-di-rifiuti-nel-milanese-alta-colonna-di-fumo\\_4d6326f1-44c0-4e52-87ec-004c6746a916.html](https://www.ansa.it/sito/notizie/cronaca/2026/07/28/incendio-in-ricicleria-di-rifiuti-nel-milanese-alta-colonna-di-fumo_4d6326f1-44c0-4e52-87ec-004c6746a916.html)



A fire started around 05:00 on 28 July 2026 in a waste recycling plant in Novate Milanese, mainly involving paper bales in one shed. Thick black smoke was visible for kilometres. Thirty-five firefighters with 12 vehicles contained the flames after about five hours. The 55-year-old caretaker suffered light intoxication and minor burns and was hospitalised. Arpa checks found no pollutants.



## FIRE AT LEATHER GOODS FACTORY IN OSMANNORO INDUSTRIAL AREA NEAR FLORENCE

July 28, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: [https://www.ansa.it/sito/notizie/cronaca/2026/07/28/incendio-in-una-ditta-di-pellami-a-firenze-lappello-della-sindaca-tenere-chiuse\\_69160b29-2731-4634-b1a7-c69a80fdaf6e.html](https://www.ansa.it/sito/notizie/cronaca/2026/07/28/incendio-in-una-ditta-di-pellami-a-firenze-lappello-della-sindaca-tenere-chiuse_69160b29-2731-4634-b1a7-c69a80fdaf6e.html)



A fire broke out on the morning of 28 July 2026 inside an industrial building housing leather goods companies (Jsette and Zeta pellami) in via Pratese, Osmannoro, near Florence. Flames started on the second floor, producing a high black smoke column. Firefighters with multiple units responded. No injuries reported. Authorities advised nearby residents to keep windows closed as a precaution pending environmental checks.

## FIRE IN METAL SCRAP PILES AT MULTISERVICE TERMINAL IN PORTO MARGHERA

July 30, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: <https://www.nuovavenezia.it/cronaca/incendio-porto-marghera-fumo-nero-venezia-neg5znmf>



A fire broke out on 30 July 2026 among piles of ferrous scrap metal on the quay at the Multiservice terminal in Porto Marghera, Venice, during unloading from a ship. Extreme heat is cited as the likely cause. Multiple firefighting teams from Mestre, including aerial support, responded to extinguish the blaze through continuous cooling and material displacement. Environmental monitoring by ARPAV detected no significant pollutant levels in nearby residential areas. No injuries reported.

## NETHERLANDS

### CHEMICAL REACTION AND TOXIC CLOUD AT FRIESLANDCAMPINA DAIRY FACTORY IN BORCULO

July 4, 2026

*Environmental Damage*

Source: <https://www.isssource.com/explosion-leads-to-toxic-gas-cloud/>



On July 4, 2026, an accidental mixing of nitric acid and hydrochloric acid occurred inside a tanker truck at the FrieslandCampina dairy factory in Borculo, Netherlands. The chemical reaction caused an explosion and released a large orange toxic cloud containing hazardous substances. Emergency services evacuated the plant and issued an NL-Alert for nearby residents to close windows and ventilation. No injuries were reported, and the cloud dispersed without settling. Police are investigating the incident, which is considered likely due to operational error. The situation was brought under control by early morning.

### POWER AND COOLING FAILURE AT GOOGLE CLOUD DATA CENTER IN NETHERLANDS

July 21, 2026

*Machinery Breakdown*

Source: <https://www.datacenterdynamics.com/en/news/google-cloud-experiences-outage-after-power-and-cooling-failure-in-netherlands-data-center/>



A power and cooling failure occurred at a Google Cloud data center in the Netherlands due to an electrical fault on the utility grid upstream. This caused a nearly 15-hour outage in the Europe-West4 region, impacting VMware Engine, Bare Metal Solution, and NetApp Volumes services. Equipment was shut down to avoid heat damage.

## POLAND

### FIRE BREAKS OUT IN CARGO HOLD OF SCRAP METAL SHIP AT GDANSK PORT

July 2, 2026

*Fire and/or Explosion*

Source: <https://www.worldwidenews.ca/firefighters-battle-cargo-ship-fire-in-gdansk/>



On the evening of July 2, 2026, a fire erupted in the cargo hold of the Panama-flagged bulk carrier Sion Star, loaded with scrap metal, docked at Nabrzeże Szczecińskie in the Port of Gdańsk, Poland. The blaze was reported around 22:32 local time. Approximately 100 firefighters and 27 vehicles, including two fireboats, responded to the incident. Access to the fire was challenging due to the densely packed scrap. No injuries were reported among the crew. Firefighting efforts continued for several hours, and the fire was eventually localized by midday on July 3. Environmental protection measures were implemented to prevent contaminated water from entering the Gulf of Gdańsk. The cause is under investigation, possibly related to oily scrap elements.

## PORTUGAL

### SIGNIFICANT FIRE DAMAGES SHOE FACTORY WAREHOUSE IN FELGUEIRAS

July 12, 2026

*Fire and/or Explosion*

Source: <https://www.jn.pt/pais/artigo/incendio-causa-danos-avultados-em-fabrica-de-calcado-de-felgueiras/18105367>



A fire broke out in the morning of July 12, 2026, at a shoe factory in Felgueiras, Portugal, specifically in the warehouse area of the industrial unit known locally as the former Souto factory. Firefighters from multiple corps quickly contained the blaze to the storage section, preventing spread to the production area. No injuries were reported, but material damages are considered substantial. The causes are under investigation by the Judicial Police. This marks the second such incident at a shoe factory in the municipality within a month.

## MAJOR FIRE DESTROYS MULTIPLE WAREHOUSES AND FACTORY IN SOBROSA, PAREDES

July 15, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: <https://www.imediato.pt/incendio-industrial-destroi-armazem-junto-a-rotunda-das-oliveiras-sobrosa/>



A large fire broke out around 4:41 AM on July 15, 2026, in an industrial complex in Sobrosa, Paredes municipality, Porto district. The blaze completely destroyed several warehouses including Good Store and affected Artnovion factory. 41 firefighters with 14 vehicles responded. No casualties. Rapid spread due to lack of fire compartments.

## ROMANIA

### EXPLOSION AND FIRE AT KRONOSPAN WOOD FACTORY IN BRAȘOV

July 22, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: <https://hotnews.ro/explozie-urmata-de-incendiu-puternic-la-o-fabrica-din-orasul-brasov-a-fost-activat-planul-rosu-de-interventie-2306443>



An explosion occurred at the Kronospan wood products factory in the Stupini district of Brașov, Romania, on July 22, 2026. The blast triggered a fire in a sawdust conveyor system, covering an area of about 300 square meters with significant smoke visible from kilometers away. No victims were reported. Emergency services activated the Red Intervention Plan, deploying multiple units to contain the fire. The incident affected operations at the industrial facility.



## LARGE FIRE AT WOOD PROCESSING FACTORY IN JOSENII BÂRGĂULUI

July 27, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: <https://stiribn.ro/incendiu-puternic-la-o-fabrica-de-prelucrare-a-lemnului-din-josenii-bargaului-pompierii-au-intervenit-cu-forte-impresionante-foto-video/>



A large fire broke out on the morning of July 27, 2026, on the roof of a workshop at a wood processing factory in Josenii Bârgăului, Bistrița-Năsăud County, Romania. The blaze covered an estimated 800-1,000 square meters. Firefighters secured 15 gas cylinders including five full ones to prevent explosions. Multiple units and SMURD responded. No victims or spread to neighboring structures reported.

## VIOLENT FIRE ENGULFS FURNITURE FACTORY HALL IN LIVADA, BIHOR

July 25, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: <https://www.radiocluj.ro/2026/07/25/incendiu-violent-la-o-fabrica-de-mobila/>



A violent fire broke out on July 25, 2026, at a furniture factory hall in Livada, Bihor County, Romania. Flames fully engulfed the approximately 250 square meter structure, producing dense black smoke visible from kilometers away including Oradea. Six fire crews with multiple vehicles responded. Risk of spread to a neighboring building existed. No victims reported.

## SPAIN

### MAJOR FIRE ENGULFS WAREHOUSE IN LEGANÉS INDUSTRIAL AREA

July 3, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: <https://cadenaser.com/cmadrid/2026/07/03/un-incendio-calcina-el-almacen-de-un-gran-bazar-en-leganes-ser-madrid-sur/>



On July 3, 2026, a large fire broke out in a warehouse located in the Polígono Industrial de Butarque in Leganés, near Madrid. The facility, part of a large bazar (Mundo Asia), saw its upper floors and storage areas heavily affected. Fifteen firefighting units from the Community of Madrid responded, successfully preventing spread to adjacent buildings including a hotel and the commercial floor. No injuries were reported. The fire originated from pallets outside the building, and causes are under investigation.

### FIRE DAMAGES MEAT PROCESSING FACILITY IN SANTA POLA INDUSTRIAL PARK

July 8, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: <https://www.informacion.es/elche/2026/07/07/incendio-nave-calor-extremo-bomberos-santa-pola-sucesos-132202630.html>



A fire broke out in the early hours of July 8, 2026, at the Destán Cárnicas meat processing facility located in the IN-2 industrial park in Santa Pola, Alicante province, Spain. The blaze originated in the cold storage rooms, leading to a partial collapse of the warehouse roof. Multiple fire brigades from Elche, Crevillent, Torrevieja, and San Vicente responded to the incident. No injuries were reported, though significant material damage occurred to the structure and potentially to stored goods. The company specializes in kebab meat production. The fire was contained without affecting adjacent buildings.

## FIRE AT ASPHALT FACTORY CHIMNEY IN SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

July 13, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: <https://www.lavozdegalicia.es/noticia/santiago/2026/07/13/incendio-fabrica-asfaltos-santiago-moviliza-bomberos-policia/00031783960761626293481.htm>



On July 13, 2026, a fire broke out in the chimney of Probisa asphalt factory in the Tambre industrial park in Santiago de Compostela. Firefighters and police responded promptly. No injuries reported, and the fire was quickly extinguished. Intense asphalt smell was noted in the area.

## SWEDEN

### FIRE AT ESSITY PAPER MILL IN LILLA EDET

July 10, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: <https://pulpandpaperchronicle.com/fire-at-essitys-prudhoe-tissue-mill-quickly-contained-operations-resume>



On July 10, 2026, a fire broke out in an industrial building at Essity's paper mill in Lilla Edet, Sweden. Firefighters responded to extinguish the blaze in what appears to be a ventilation or production area. No injuries were reported, and police are not suspecting foul play. The incident is under investigation.

## SWITZERLAND

### MAJOR WAREHOUSE FIRE IN INDUSTRIAL AREA OF VUFFLENS-LA-VILLE, VAUD

July 30, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: <https://www.bluewin.ch/en/news/major-fire-in-the-industrial-area-of-vufflens-la-ville-in-vaud-li.3547541>



A major fire broke out on Thursday evening in a warehouse in the industrial area of Vufflens-la-Ville, canton of Vaud. About 50 firefighters and over a dozen vehicles responded as the blaze fully engulfed the building. Train services between Bussigny and Cossonay-Penthaz were suspended due to proximity to railroad tracks. No injuries reported at the time of the news.



## UNITED KINGDOM

### MAJOR FIRE DESTROYS JAGUAR LAND ROVER SERVICE CENTRE WAREHOUSE IN TOTTENHAM

July 2, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: <https://www.london-now.co.uk/news/26257669.tottenham-fire---shocking-photos-show-devastating-fire-warehouse/>



On the evening of July 2, 2026, a significant fire broke out at a two-storey warehouse used for vehicle maintenance at the Jaguar Land Rover / Stratstone service centre on Watermead Way in Tottenham, north London, United Kingdom. Fifteen fire engines and around 100 firefighters responded to the incident. The fire fully engulfed the main warehouse and damaged part of an adjoining building, destroying approximately 20 vehicles. Thick smoke affected the local area, leading to advisories for residents in Haringey to keep windows and doors closed. No injuries were reported. Firefighters worked through the night, and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

### FIRE AT IMPALA TERMINALS OIL STORAGE FACILITY IN MILFORD HAVEN

July 6, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: <https://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/milford-haven-fire-live-refinery-34247182>



On July 6, 2026, a fire broke out at the Impala Terminals Infrastructure site in Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, United Kingdom. The incident involved a decommissioned oil tank containing residual crude oil and approximately 60 gas cylinders. A major incident was declared, prompting a large multi-agency response including fire services, police, and local authorities. Thick black smoke was visible for miles, leading to advice for residents to keep windows and doors closed. The fire was brought under control and extinguished the same evening. One person sustained minor injuries and was treated at the scene. No wider risk to the public was reported, and all personnel were accounted for. The cause remains under investigation. The site is a liquid bulk storage and distribution facility for petroleum products.



## CRANE COLLAPSE AT PORT OF TYNE IN SOUTH SHIELDS INJURES WORKER

July 19, 2026

*Collapse / Impact*

Source: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c3ek8n17lq3o>



A dockside crane collapsed onto a container ship at the Port of Tyne in South Shields, United Kingdom, after a ship collision. One worker was injured and hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries. Emergency services including fire, ambulance, and police responded. The incident highlights risks in port operations involving large equipment.

## EXPLOSION AND FIRE AT INDUSTRIAL UNITS IN RETTENDON, ESSEX

July 24, 2026

*Fire and/or Explosion*

Source: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cx2vgzy1kyo>



A fire at a large industrial unit on Southend Road between East Hanningfield and Rettendon, Essex, led to a major incident after fertiliser exploded. Over 100 firefighters contained the blaze which spread to several units and a field. Residents were evacuated, roads closed, and no injuries reported. Smoke prompted advice to close windows.

## SIGNIFICANT FIRE AT WASTE PROCESSING CENTRE IN RACKHEATH

July 31, 2026

*Fire and/or Explosion*

Source: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c5y32xy3kxpo>



A significant fire broke out in the early hours at PSH Environmental Ltd, a waste processing centre on Wendover Road in Rackheath, Norfolk. Six fire appliances attended the industrial unit handling domestic and commercial waste. The blaze was brought under control with remaining hotspots in plastic waste. Firefighters managed runoff using site interceptors and lagoons due to environmental concerns. Cause under investigation.

# LOSSES IN AFRICA

## ALGERIA

### FIRE IN FOOD PROCESSING WAREHOUSE KILLS THREE IN HASSI MESSAOUD, ALGERIA

July 4, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: <https://www.algerie360.com/3-morts-et-des-dizaines-de-personnes-piegees-dans-lincendie-dun-entrepot-a-hassi-messaoud/>



On July 4, 2026, a fire broke out in a private company's warehouse for food processing or multi-service equipment in Hassi Messaoud, Ouargla province, Algeria. The incident resulted in three fatalities and 34 people intoxicated by smoke and gases. Emergency services evacuated 58 additional individuals from the upper floor of the building without injuries. Over 50 firefighters, civil protection personnel, and medical staff responded with eight fire trucks and five ambulances. The fire was fully extinguished by 18:00 local time, with ongoing cooling and surveillance operations. The causes remain under investigation.

### MAJOR FIRE AT TIRE RECYCLING PLANT IN EL-HACHIMIA, BOUIRA

July 24, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: <https://lecarrefourdalgerie.dz/6373-Lusine-de-recyclage-de-pneus-ravage-par-un-incendio>



A significant fire broke out on Thursday, July 24, 2026, at a tire recycling plant in El-Hachimia, about 18 km south of Bouira in Algeria. Thick black smoke filled the area, creating difficult breathing conditions. Civil Protection services quickly mobilized substantial resources to contain the blaze and prevent spread to surrounding zones. Exact causes remain undetermined.

## NIGERIA

### FIRE ENGULFS DIESEL STORAGE TANK AT BONO ENERGY TERMINAL IN APAPA, LAGOS

July 3, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/892681-updated-fire-breaks-out-at-lagos-fuel-terminal-photos.html>



On July 3, 2026, a fire broke out at the Bono Energy Terminal (BEST) in the Coconut area of Olodi Apapa, Lagos, Nigeria. The incident involved a five-million-litre Automotive Gas Oil (AGO) diesel storage tank at the facility within the Ibru Jetty Complex along the Apapa-Oworonshoki Expressway. Lagos State Fire and Rescue Service teams responded promptly, arriving within minutes and, with assistance from nearby oil sites, fully contained the blaze by 1:54 p.m. No casualties were reported, and the fire was prevented from spreading to adjacent petroleum storage facilities. The cause of the incident is under investigation. This event highlights the fire risks associated with major fuel storage hubs in Nigeria's busiest logistics areas.

### MOB ATTACKS AND BURNS RONGTAI ALUMINIUM FACTORY IN UTESI AFTER WORKER DEATH

July 31, 2026

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Source: <https://guardian.ng/news/edo-govt-brokers-peace-in-firm-host-community-crisis-orders-probe-into-workers-death/>



A forklift accident at the Rongtai Aluminium Group factory in Uteshi, Ikpoba-Okha LGA, Edo State, killed operator David Yelsa on or around 30 July 2026. Community protests over the handling of the body escalated into a violent mob attack. Protesters vandalised and set fire to vehicles, equipment and sections of the Chinese-owned industrial facility. Two additional people died during the unrest, including one protester shot by security. State authorities intervened, ordered investigations into the death and safety standards, and arrested 35 suspects.

## SOUTH AFRICA

### FIRE AT SASOL POLYETHYLENE PLANT IN SASOLBURG INJURES THREE WORKERS

July 22, 2026

*Fire and/or Explosion*

Source: <https://mg.co.za/news/south-africa/2026-07-24-labour-department-investigates-fire-after-three-workers-injured-at-sasolburg-plant/>



A fire broke out at Sasol's Poly 3 polyethylene facility on the Midland site in Sasolburg during maintenance work involving pipeline deblocking and heat treatment. A dangerous gas release ignited, injuring three contractor employees with burns; one remained in intensive care. The unit was shut down, personnel evacuated, and no environmental risk reported. Labour department issued a prohibition notice and launched an investigation.



# LOSSES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

## EGYPT

### GAS PIPELINE EXPLOSION IN SINAI BY UNKNOWN ARMED GROUP

July 21, 2026

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Source: <https://www.alaan.sa/new/s/31333>



Unknown armed individuals detonated explosives under a natural gas pipeline in Telul area, ~80km west of Al-Arish, Sinai. The pipeline supplies gas to Al-Arish power station, homes, and industrial facilities. No casualties reported. Security forces responded.

## KUWAIT

### FIRE AT WASTE RECYCLING PLANT IN MINA ABDULLAH CONTAINED

July 10, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: <https://timeskuwait.com/firefighters-contain-blaze-at-waste-recycling-plant-in-mina-abdullah/>



A fire broke out at a waste recycling plant in the Mina Abdullah industrial area of Kuwait on July 10, 2026. Firefighting teams from the Kuwait Fire Force responded promptly from Mina Abdullah and Umm Al Hayman stations and successfully contained the blaze. No injuries or casualties were reported. The quick response prevented further spread and secured the site.

## ELECTRICAL SHORT CIRCUIT CAUSES FIRE AT POWER UNIT IN MINA ABDULLAH REFINERY, KUWAIT

July 15, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: <https://www.alan.sa/new/s/51800>



A limited fire broke out at unit 131, an auxiliary power station supporting the environmental fuel project at Mina Abdullah Refinery, located approximately 53 km south of Kuwait City. The incident was triggered by an electrical short circuit while maintenance works were underway. Two workers sustained burns and were hospitalized for treatment. KNPC reported that the fire was quickly brought under control, with no further operational disruptions noted.

## TURKEY

### FATAL FIRE AT PAINT FACTORY IN KOCAELI, TURKEY

July 7, 2026

Fire and/or Explosion

Source: <https://caliber.az/en/post/one-dead-two-injured-in-factory-fire-in-turkiye-s-kocaeli>



A major fire broke out at a paint factory in Kocaeli province, northwestern Turkey on July 7, 2026. Firefighters battled the blaze for approximately three hours before bringing it under control. One man was found dead inside the factory after the fire was extinguished, and two others were injured by smoke inhalation and hospitalized. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

## FIRE AT TEI AEROSPACE FACTORY IN ESKIŞEHİR

July 21, 2026

*Fire and/or Explosion*

Source: <https://www.haberturk.com/gundem/eskisehir-de-tei-yerleskesinde-yangin-3900118>



A fire broke out in the washing section of the TUSAŞ Motor Sanayii (TEI) factory in Eskişehir, Turkey. The incident occurred in the manufacturing area of this major aerospace engine production facility. No casualties were reported. Firefighting efforts from ground and air units successfully controlled the blaze, followed by cooling operations. Investigations into the cause are ongoing.





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