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United Kingdom

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Angola
Morocco
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LOSSES IN EUROPE

AUSTRIA

FIRE AT KAINDL WOOD PROCESSING PLANT IN WALS-SIEZENHEIM

September 14, 2026

Wood Processing and Joinery

Source: <https://salzburg.orf.at>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire started in Werk 1 of the Kaindl wood-panel plant in Wals-Siezenheim, in the recycled-wood tower where waste wood is cleaned of foreign material before further processing. A rubber conveyor also caught fire, which accounted for the black smoke over the town. The alarm was raised to special level 3. About 160 personnel attended, among them the Salzburg professional brigade, the volunteer brigades of Wals-Siezenheim, Grödig and Anif, and the Flachgau drone unit. The fire was out the same evening, and the works brigade kept a watch through the night.

BELGIUM

MAJOR FIRE DESTROYS 3500 M² WAREHOUSE STORING WOOD AND TEXTILES IN OOSTROZEBEKE

September 12, 2026

Textiles

Source: <https://www.vrt.be>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire took hold of a former Westorama furniture warehouse in Oostrozebeke, West Flanders, a building of 3,500 m² that several companies were using to store wood and textiles. The fire ran through the stock quickly, and gas cylinders stored in the warehouse detonated as it developed. Because runoff threatened to pollute the water and a poultry farm stood nearby, the fire was left to burn down under control rather than being attacked with large volumes of water, and the warehouse was completely destroyed.

FIRE AT COMET SAMBRE SCRAP METAL RECYCLING SITE IN OBOURG

September 18, 2026

Metallurgical

Source: <https://www.sudinfo.be>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire started in a pile of light scrap at the Comet Sambre recycling plant in Obourg, near Mons, where the probable source was a lithium battery in the incoming waste. The plant's own teams and about 30 firefighters from Hainaut Centre had the fire out by early evening, and the processing equipment was left intact. Residents nearby were told to close their windows while the smoke cleared.

MAJOR FIRE AT VANHEEDE WASTE PROCESSING PLANT IN ROESELARE

September 25, 2026

Miscellaneous

Source: <https://www.vrt.be>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire broke out at the Vanheede waste-processing plant on Pildersweg in Roeselare. More than 100 firefighters attended. The site and the neighbouring Paulig plant were evacuated, and residents within a kilometre were told to keep windows closed because of odour and soot. The fire was brought under control overnight.

CZECH REPUBLIC

MAJOR FIRE DESTROYS PLASTIC PROCESSING HALL IN RYNHOLEC

September 18, 2026

Plastics and Rubber

Source: <https://cnn.iprima.cz>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire at the Ekologie s.r.o. plastics and pellet plant in Rynholec, Central Bohemia, destroyed the production equipment. More than 100 firefighters attended under a third-degree alert. The damage was put at 300 to 400 million Czech korunas.

FIRE DESTROYS TWO STORAGE HALLS AT FORMER FARM SITE IN VŠELIBICE

September 29, 2026

Miscellaneous

Source: <https://hzscr.gov.cz>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire fully involved two storage halls on a former agricultural site at Všelibice-Březová, in the Liberec Region. Sixteen units from the Liberec and Central Bohemian regions attended under a second-level alarm, working with six hose lines and aerial ladders, and the fire was localised before midnight. The halls were empty, and the neighbouring buildings were protected.

FINLAND

DUST EXPLOSION AT A-REHU FEED FACTORY GRINDING LINE IN KOSKENKORVA

September 1, 2026

Cereals Seeds and Flour Mills

Source: <https://yle.fi>



Fire and/or Explosion

A dust explosion occurred in the grinding line of the A-Rehu feed mill at Koskenkorva, which stands on the Anora site and produces pig, cattle and broiler feed from the by-products of ethanol production. The explosion did not develop into a fire, and the crews who attended from Ilmajoki, Seinäjoki and Kurikka limited themselves to an inspection of the line.

FIRE IN DUST EXTRACTION SYSTEM AT FLINKENBERG STEEL CENTER IN VALKEAKOSKI

September 14, 2026

Metallurgical

Source: <https://yle.fi>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire started in the external smoke and dust extraction fan at the Flinkenberg steel service centre in Valkeakoski, a plant that sells, preprocesses and further processes steel plate. Flames were visible on arrival, but the fire was kept out of the building structure, and the building was evacuated while that was done.

SMOLDERING FIRE AT REMEO WASTE PLANT IN TAMPERE

September 30, 2026

Miscellaneous

Source: <https://yle.fi>



Fire and/or Explosion

Staff found a smouldering fire in a waste pile in Hall C at Remeo's Rusko recycling plant on Tauskonkatu, Tampere, and put the pile out within an hour before calling the fire service to check for residual hot spots. About 22 units were initially sent. Smoke was limited, traffic in and out of the plant continued, and operations were expected to resume the same day. The site has had several earlier fires.

FRANCE

Chemical spill and fire risk at fibre excellence pulp mill in tarascon

September 1, 2026

Paper Board and Leather

Source: <https://www.boursorama.com>



Environmental Damage

Some 50 m³ of black liquor spilled at the Fibre Excellence pulp mill in Tarascon, a lower-tier Seveso site that was already in judicial liquidation. The liquidator had shut down the electrical systems, which took both the fire protection and the wastewater treatment plant out of service, while hydrogen peroxide and heavy fuel oil remained on site. With the spill uncontained and the protection systems unavailable, the authorities ordered immediate emergency measures against the risk of fire and of a release beyond the plant.

FIRE AT AFM RECYCLAGE METAL WASTE FACILITY IN MONTOIR-DE-BRETAGNE

September 2, 2026

Metallurgical

Source: <https://www.ouest-france.fr>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire at the AFM Recyclage metal-waste plant in Montoir-de-Bretagne, near Saint-Nazaire, appears to have started in a crusher handling end-of-life vehicle. About 50 firefighters and 20 vehicles had the fire under control the same evening. The fire was treated as accidental.

SABOTAGE OF HIGH-VOLTAGE PYLON HALTS EVIAN BOTTLING PLANT AND PAPETERIES DU LÉMAN

September 7, 2026

Miscellaneous

Source: <https://www.franceinfo.fr>



ARSON

Three legs of a 63 kV pylon in Marin, Haute-Savoie, were deliberately sawn through overnight, and the resulting outage stopped production at the Evian bottling plant, operated by Danone and employing about 1,200 people, for nearly 36 hours, as well as at Papeteries du Léman. Nearly 1,500 workers were affected. An ultra-left group claimed the act on Indymedia. Power was later restored and both plants restarted.

MAJOR FIRE DESTROYS 10,000 M² WAREHOUSE AT PAPREC RECYCLING PLANT IN DIEULOUARD

September 19, 2026

Plastics and Rubber

Source: <https://www.estrepublicain.fr>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire destroyed a 10,000 m² warehouse at the Paprec sorting and recycling plant in Dieulouard, Meurthe-et-Moselle, where several hundred tonnes of plastic film were stored. About 75 firefighters and 42 vehicles attended, and the fire was contained the same evening. The same site had already suffered a fire the previous November, so the loss sits on a plant with a recent history of the same exposure.

EXPLOSION AND FIRE AT PHARMASYNTHÈSE SEVESO CHEMICAL PLANT NEAR ROUEN

September 21, 2026

Chemical and Pharmaceutical

Source: <https://www.bfmtv.com>



Fire and/or Explosion

An explosion and fire occurred at the Pharmasynthèse plant in Saint-Pierre-lès-Elbeuf, near Rouen, a lower-tier Seveso site that produces active ingredients for pharmaceuticals and cosmetics. During maintenance a container burst in the course of a chemical reaction and released flaming solvent. The plant was evacuated, and no toxic release was reported. An inquiry for involuntary injury was opened.

FIRE DESTROYS ASCA WAREHOUSE AND OFFICES IN CHESSY INDUSTRIAL BUILDING

September 21, 2026

Electrical Electronics and Appliances

Source: <https://www.leparisien.fr>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire destroyed a 1,600 m² industrial building in Chessy, Seine-et-Marne, near Disneyland Paris, which housed the headquarters and stock of ASCA, an Equasens subsidiary supplying electronic labelling for pharmacies. The building and the stock were lost. The site was unoccupied at the time, and more than 80 firefighters attended through the night. Operations were expected to resume within four weeks from backup stock.

GERMANY

SABOTAGE ATTACK WITH EXPLOSIVES TARGETS SUBSTATION NEAR JÄNSCHWALDE POWER PLANT

September 1, 2026

Power Generation and Distribution

Source: <https://apnews.com>



ARSON

Several improvised incendiary and explosive devices were found at the Turnow-Preilack substation, which feeds the Jänschwalde lignite plant in Brandenburg. Not all of them detonated. One caused short circuits and a brief interruption on the lines, and Leag had to shut down Unit B. The rest of the supply was not affected, and the lines were later returned to service. Bomb disposal teams attended. The operator described the attack as sabotage, and police opened an investigation into rocket-like charges carrying conductive material.

MAJOR FIRE AT SCRAP YARD IN LEER INDUSTRIAL AREA

September 3, 2026

Metallurgical

Source: <https://www.ndr.de>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire took hold of a scrap pile of cars and containers at the Nehlsen E. Heeren GmbH recycling site in the industrial port area of Leer. About 250 emergency personnel attended a fire that reached about 1,000 °C and sent smoke across the surrounding region. It was not fully out until two days later.

ACID SPILL AT LOGISTICS WAREHOUSE IN PADERBORN INJURES TEN WORKERS

September 14, 2026

Chemical and Pharmaceutical

Source: <https://www1.wdr.de>



Environmental Damage

During loading at a logistics warehouse in the Mönkeloh industrial area of Paderborn, a 60-litre drum of nitric and phosphoric acid cleaning agent leaked and released corrosive vapour. Ten people were taken to hospital with respiratory irritation. About 100 firefighters attended, and the spill was contained by noon. The labour inspectorate opened an inquiry.

FIRE DAMAGES PRODUCTION BUILDING AT OLENEX EDIBLE OILS PLANT IN BRAKE PORT

September 22, 2026

Food Processing

Source: <https://www.nwzonline.de>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire damaged part of the production building at the Olenex edible-oil plant in the port of Brake, Lower Saxony, involving sections of the refining installation up to 40 metres high while welding was under way. The fire was kept out of the rest of the plant. Material damage was estimated in the millions of euros.

PLASTIC BALES FIRE AT LOBBE RECYCLING SORTING PLANT IN ISERLOHN

September 23, 2026

Plastics and Rubber

Source: <https://www1.wdr.de>



Fire and/or Explosion

Two large bales of compressed plastic caught fire at the Lobbe waste-sorting plant in the Sümmer-Rombrock industrial area of Iserlohn. The smoke was visible for kilometres, and the administration building and neighbouring firms were threatened before more than 150 firefighters brought the fire under control overnight. No elevated pollutant levels were recorded.

WAREHOUSE FIRE AND GAS CYLINDER BURST IN SALZGITTER-BAD

September 28, 2026

Miscellaneous

Source: <https://www.braunschweiger-zeitung.de>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire in a warehouse on Zur Finkenkuhle in Salzgitter-Bad spread across the facade and the roof, and a gas cylinder burst with enough force to damage the rear wall and leave the building at risk of collapse. Smoke was visible as far as Lebenstedt. The remaining cylinders were cooled, and police sealed the site.

ITALY

LARGE FIRE DESTROYS TEXTILE COMPANIES IN PRATO INDUSTRIAL PARK

September 1, 2026

Source: <https://corrierefiorentino.corriere.it>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire in an industrial building at Macrolotto 2 in Prato involved three Chinese-owned textile companies, Vic Bee, Mao Xin and M&C, and sent a smoke plume across the city. Prosecutors are examining possible arson and labour exploitation after illegal dormitories were found inside the building.

MINOR FIRE QUICKLY EXTINGUISHED AT ADRIATICA BITUMI PLANT IN COLLI DEL TRONTO

September 2, 2026

Petroleum Processing and Petrochemicals

Source: <https://www.ilrestodelcarlino.it>



Fire and/or Explosion

A small fire started at the Adriatica Bitumi bitumen plant in Colli del Tronto, Ascoli Piceno, from a component near a trolley, and the plant's own staff put it out within minutes. It was the third fire at the site in a little over a year, after one the previous summer and another in July that began in an electric motor high on a silo. Arpam sampled the air and found no critical readings. The prefecture, Arpam and the health authority saw no reason to suspend production, and a further technical meeting was set for the end of October.

EXPLOSION AT ENI REFINERY IN STAGNO INJURES THREE WORKERS

September 9, 2026

Petroleum Processing and Petrochemicals

Source: <https://www.lanazione.it>



Fire and/or Explosion

An electrical panel exploded at the Eni refinery in Stagno, near Livorno, on the Saipem site where the biorefinery is under construction. The panel belonged to a machine that was about to unload an insulated panel, and the door was blown off as the machine was switched on, before the lift had started. The blast caught three contractors, aged 43, 53 and 65. Eni stated that the explosion was not caused by hydrocarbons and that it came from equipment of the outside contractor. One worker was taken to Livorno hospital in red code with facial trauma and broken teeth. The other two, with limb and chest injuries, went in yellow code. All three remained conscious.

SULFURIC ACID LEAK INJURES WORKER AT BARLETTA PORT

September 13, 2026

Chemical and Pharmaceutical

Source: <https://www.lagazzettadelmezzogiorno.it>



Environmental Damage

Sulfuric acid escaped during extraordinary maintenance in the port of Barletta and burned a worker on several parts of the body. He was taken first to Dimiccoli hospital in Barletta and then to the burns centre at Bari Policlinico, where he was not in danger of life. The harbour master notified Spesal of the ASL BT, and the Trani prosecutor opened an inquiry into the work under way, the origin of the release and the circumstances of the exposure.

FIRE AT SCRAP AND ELECTRONIC WASTE DEPOT IN TERNI INDUSTRIAL AREA

September 19, 2026

Metallurgical

Source: <https://www.ansa.it>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire at an auto-dismantling and scrap yard in Strada di Recentino, in the Sabbione industrial zone of Terni, involved outdoor waste piles and a warehouse of metal and electronic scrap. The likely origin was lightning during a storm. Eight crews, including an NBCR unit, attended, ARPA monitored the air, and precautionary measures were ordered within a radius of 3 km.

NETHERLANDS

FIRE AT WASTE PROCESSING PLANT IN DINXPERLO CONTAMINATES SEWAGE WITH PFAS

September 22, 2026

Wood Processing and Joinery

Source: <https://www.dutchnews.nl>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire involved a wood-chip pile of about 20 by 30 metres at an illegal waste-processing site in Dinxperlo, Gelderland, a premises that had been closed since the previous November for serious environmental breaches. Water taken from a nearby lake, and contaminated with PFAS, entered the sewage system.

NORWAY

SMOULDERING FIRE AT ALCOA ALUMINUM PLANT COOLING TOWER IN MOSJØEN

September 1, 2026

Metallurgical

Source: <https://www.nrk.no>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire alarm brought police and the fire service to the Alcoa aluminium smelter in Mosjøen. The call was a smouldering fire in a building associated with a cooling tower in the purification plant. There were no open flames. The fire was out within about seven minutes, no employees were evacuated, and police closed the case at the scene without opening an investigation.

MAJOR FIRE DESTROYS WORKSHOP AT POWER FARMING IN SORTLAND

September 17, 2026

Miscellaneous

Source: <https://www.tv2.no>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire destroyed the workshop of Power Farming AS in Rise, Sortland, a company that repairs and sells agricultural and construction machinery. Gas cylinders and chemicals in the building created an explosion risk and toxic smoke, so the structure was left to burn. Residents within a kilometre were evacuated, and police assisted 21 people.

POLAND

FIRE AND GAS TANK EXPLOSIONS AT GRAIN-DRYING FACILITY IN OSIĘCINY

September 18, 2026

Cereals Seeds and Flour Mills

Source: <https://tvpworld.com>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire at the CZEJ-DAG grain-drying plant in Osiecin, in the Kuyavian-Pomeranian region, caused ten of the twelve LPG tanks to explode. Nineteen crews attended. The fire damaged the external wall and the structure of one silo, and road DK62 was closed for a time. The surrounding buildings were not threatened.

FIRE AT DISINFECTANT WAREHOUSE IN NOWA HUTA, KRAKOW

September 27, 2026

Chemical and Pharmaceutical

Source: <https://gazetakrakowska.pl>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire broke out in a warehouse of about 12 by 40 metres near Plac Błonie in Nowa Huta, Krakow, where alcohol-based disinfectants, cartons, films and aerosol containers were stored. Ten people left the building before the fire service arrived. Between 40 and 78 firefighters extinguished the fire and protected an adjoining office building. Part of the interior collapsed, and the building was closed pending inspection.

ROMANIA

COPPER CABLE THEFT AT MINTIA POWER PLANT CONSTRUCTION SITE

September 17, 2026

Power Generation and Distribution

Source: <https://stirileprotv.ro>



Theft

Police in Hunedoara carried out 18 searches into the repeated theft of copper cable from the construction site of the Mintia thermal power plant. Twelve employees are suspected of the theft, the transport or the sale of the cable, and the damage was estimated at more than 590,000 euros. Six suspects were detained. The thefts had been reported at the end of August.

MAJOR FIRE AT CELLULOSE FACTORY WAREHOUSE IN DROBETA-TURNU SEVERIN

September 21, 2026

Paper Board and Leather

Source: <https://agerpres.ro>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire engulfed a paper-remnant store of about 20,000 m² at a cellulose plant in Drobeta-Turnu Severin, Mehedinți. Dense smoke led to a RO-ALERT message. Crews from Mehedinți, Dolj, Caraș-Severin, Gorj and Bucharest-Ilfov attended, with robots, and wind and smoke complicated the operation.

SPAIN

FIRE AT FORMER ALTADIS FACTORY CONSTRUCTION SITE FORCES WORKER RESCUES IN SEVILLE

September 2, 2026

Hotels Housing and Hospitals

Source: <https://www.elespanol.com>



Fire and/or Explosion

A welding spark ignited porexpan insulation on the ground floor of the former Altadis tobacco factory in Seville, which is being converted into a hotel under the Vera Sevilla project. The fire spread quickly and explosions followed. About 60 workers were evacuated, and five had to be rescued. Structural damage was limited.

FIRE DESTROYS RECYCLING PLANT WAREHOUSE IN CUENCA INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

September 4, 2026

Wood Processing and Joinery

Source: <https://www.elespanol.com>



Fire and/or Explosion

A vegetation fire spread to the Mobec recycling plant on the Los Palancares industrial estate in Cuenca, a facility that recycles furniture, and the warehouse collapsed. Residual smoke led to an ES-Alert for residents. The fire was out the following day.

STEAM EXPLOSION AT ARCELORMITTAL BLAST FURNACE A IN GIJÓN

September 9, 2026

Metallurgical

Source: <https://www.elcomercio.es>



Machinery Breakdown

A water pipe burst on the taphead platform in the casting shop of Blast Furnace A at the ArcelorMittal steelworks in Gijón, and the release produced a steam explosion. About 50 workers were in the area at the time. Damage to the furnace was limited, and the unit was shut down for inspection and repair, with a restart planned three days later, while Blast Furnace B continued to operate.

FIRE AFFECTS THREE DHL WAREHOUSES IN SESEÑA INDUSTRIAL PARK

September 20, 2026

Road Freight

Source: <https://112.castillalamancha.es>



Fire and/or Explosion

The 112 service in Castilla-La Mancha was notified of a large smoke plume from a fire in three warehouses on the industrial park at Seseña, Toledo, occupied by DHL. Crews from the Toledo provincial consortium, drawn from the parks at Toledo, Illescas and Orgaz, began the attack, with support from firefighters of the Community of Madrid. Medical teams from SESCOAM and SUMMA also attended, together with the Guardia Civil, the local police and the Seseña civil-protection volunteers.

MAJOR FIRE DAMAGES THREE WAREHOUSES IN COGULLADA INDUSTRIAL PARK, ZARAGOZA

September 24, 2026

Shopping Centres Hypermarkets and Retail

Source: <https://www.lespanol.com>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire in a warehouse of Hispania New Home Master Import S.L. on the Cogullada industrial park in Zaragoza spread to three units used to store goods for Chinese bazaars, including flammable materials, and two of the units were destroyed. The perimeter was held to protect nearby chemical and scrap premises. Residents were advised to close windows because of the smoke column.

SWEDEN

TECHNICAL FAULT TAKES FENNO-SKAN 2 POWER LINK OFFLINE

September 14, 2026

Power Generation and Distribution

Source: <https://energynews.pro>



Machinery Breakdown

A technical fault at the Rauma substation took the Fenno-Skan 2 interconnector out of service shortly after midday. The link, a subsea cable with a substation at each end, carries 800 MW between western Finland and southern Sweden, and Fingrid expected the repair to take about a week. The outage coincided with the annual maintenance of Olkiluoto 3, Finland's largest nuclear unit, and with about half of the Nordic nuclear fleet in the two countries already offline. The same substation had dropped the link for a few hours earlier in the year. Service was restored five days later.

SULFURIC ACID LEAK AT ÖRTOFTA SUGAR MILL

September 18, 2026

Food Processing

Source: <https://www.svd.se>



Environmental Damage

About 40,000 litres of sulfuric acid leaked from a tank at the Örtöfta sugar mill in Eslöv and entered the plant stormwater system. The acid was held in a collection pond and did not reach the municipal water system. Staff who found the leak were checked and showed no effects.

SWITZERLAND

EXPLOSION AND FIRE KILL TWO WORKERS AT RITOM HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANT IN PIOTTA

September 9, 2026

Power Generation and Distribution

Source: <https://ua.news>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire followed by an explosion at the Ritom hydroelectric plant in Piotta, Ticino, caused extensive damage inside the power house. The station, owned by SBB and under renovation at the time, was taken out of production while prosecutors opened an inquiry into the sequence that led from the fire to the explosion.

FIRE DESTROYS INSULATION MATERIALS AT SAINT-GOBAIN ISOVER PLANT IN LUCENS

September 25, 2026

Lime Cement Ceramics and Glass

Source: <https://www.rts.ch>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire burned about 200 m² of insulation in the outdoor store of the Saint-Gobain Isover glass-wool plant in Lucens, Vaud. The fire was under control by early morning, and no pollution was reported. A temporary alert told residents to close windows because of the smoke.

UNITED KINGDOM

MAJOR FIRE AT METAL RECYCLING PLANT IN STOKE PRIOR NEAR BROMSGROVE

September 1, 2026

Metallurgical

Source: <https://www.bbc.co.uk>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire at Total Metal Recovery Ltd, a metal recycling plant in Stoke Prior near Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, was attributed to a battery. Up to 50 firefighters attended, and the Environment Agency was on site. The B4091 was closed, and residents were told to close windows because of the smoke.

LARGE FIRE AT SCRAP METAL RECYCLING FACILITY IN BELFAST HARBOUR EXTINGUISHED AFTER TWO DAYS

September 2, 2026

Metallurgical

Source: <https://www.bbc.co.uk>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire at the Clearway Disposals recycling plant in the east Belfast docks involved about 4,500 tonnes of scrap cars and loose metal. More than 50 firefighters, supported by harbour tugs, extinguished it two days later. The probable origin was a lithium-ion battery. A cruise ship left early because of the smoke.

MAJOR FIRE AT SCRAPYARD IN CARLTON, BARNSLEY INVOLVING BUSES AND TYRES

September 5, 2026

Metallurgical

Source: <https://www.bbc.co.uk>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire at a scrapyard on Boulder Bridge Lane in Carlton, Barnsley, involved scrap metal, tyres and old buses, and the smoke was visible for miles. Crews remained on site for several days before the fire was fully out.

WAREHOUSE FIRE INVOLVING CHEMICALS AT ANGLO ADHESIVES IN MELTON MOWBRAY

September 7, 2026

Miscellaneous

Source: <https://www.bbc.com>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire involved the Anglo Adhesives warehouse on a former airfield in Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, a two-storey building of 25 by 50 metres that held combustible liquids and other hazardous chemicals. Ten appliances worked through the night to contain the fire and keep it from spreading. Residents were told to close windows because of the smoke.

MAJOR FIRE DESTROYS PLASTICS PACKAGING UNIT AT M&H PLASTICS IN BECCLES

September 14, 2026

Plastics and Rubber

Source: <https://www.itv.com>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire destroyed the plastics packaging unit of M&H Plastics on London Road in Beccles, Suffolk, a building of 40 by 90 metres, and then spread to two neighbouring units, one of which was severely damaged. About 20 appliances from Suffolk and Norfolk attended. The plant, which employs around 700 people, lost the packaging unit entirely.

FIRE AT RECYCLING CENTRE INVOLVING 200 TONNES OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE

September 24, 2026

Miscellaneous

Source: <https://www.echo-news.co.uk>



Fire and/or Explosion

A lithium-ion battery started a fire in a 15-metre pile of household waste at a recycling centre in Archers Fields, Pitsea, near Basildon. About 200 tonnes were in the pile and about one third was alight. The fire was out overnight. Residents were told to close windows because of the smoke.

WAREHOUSE FIRE AT MANHEIM VEHICLE SERVICES SPRAY BOOTH IN BRUNTINGTHORPE

September 25, 2026

Miscellaneous

Source: <https://www.bbc.co.uk>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire broke out in a warehouse used as a spray booth at the Manheim Vehicle Services site, operated by Cox Automotive Europe, on the former Bruntingthorpe airfield in Leicestershire. Ten crews, aerial appliances and a hazmat unit attended. Staff were evacuated, and the fire was largely under control the same day, with residual smoke.

FIRE AT SERAS WOOD RECYCLING PLANT NEAR GREAT HECK

September 29, 2026

Wood Processing and Joinery

Source: <https://www.bbc.co.uk>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire started in a wood-chip pile, initially reported at about 30 by 200 metres, at the Seras wood-recycling and biomass-fuel plant on Heck and Pollington Lane, near Great Heck, North Yorkshire. Crews remained into the following days to stop the fire spreading to other piles and to the buildings. Roads were closed, and residents were told to shut windows because of the smoke.

BATTERY FIRE AND EXPLOSIONS AT THATCHAM RECYCLING SITE

September 29, 2026

Electrical Electronics and Appliances

Source: <https://www.bbc.co.uk>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire involving about 150 tonnes of mixed batteries broke out at WasteCare on Colthrop Lane, Thatcham, inside Colthrop Business Park. Explosions threw metal debris into an adjoining logistics yard and damaged vehicles and trailers. Crews from several counties attended, and the Environment Agency visited the site. Rail services stopped overnight and later resumed. The fire is believed to have been accidental.

LOSSES IN AFRICA

ANGOLA

AMMUNITION DEPOT EXPLOSION AFTER LIGHTNING STRIKE IN LUENA

September 28, 2026

Miscellaneous

Source: <https://angop.ao>



Fire and/or Explosion

Lightning triggered an explosion at an ammunition magazine of the Eastern Military Region technical unit in Luena, Moxico. The blast damaged windows and roofs of homes, schools, churches and shops across the city. A similar explosion occurred at the same site in 2018.

MOROCCO

MAJOR FIRE DAMAGES CHINESE AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT FACTORY UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN TANGER TECH

September 23, 2026

Miscellaneous

Source: <https://fr.le360.ma>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire caused extensive material damage at a Chinese-owned industrial unit under construction in the Tanger Tech zone near Tangier, a plant intended for automotive equipment. Nearby workers were evacuated while the fire was brought under control.

NIGERIA

DOZENS DIE FROM TOXIC FUMES DURING ILLEGAL PIPELINE THEFT IN OKRIKA, RIVERS STATE

September 3, 2026

Petroleum Processing and Petrochemicals

Source: <https://www.bbc.co.uk>



Theft

At least 37 people died after inhaling toxic fumes while siphoning petroleum products from a pipeline linked to the Indorama Eleme Petrochemical plant at Okari Jetty in Okrika, Rivers State. More than 100 people in boats attempted the theft at night while a vessel was loading for export. Many collapsed or fell into the river, and several were still missing.

FIRE DAMAGES TRANSFORMER AT POWER TRANSMISSION PLANT IN DAN AGUNDI, KANO

September 7, 2026

Power Generation and Distribution

Source: <https://dailypost.ng>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire at a transmission plant in Dan Agundi, Kano, damaged one transformer. The fire covered an open area of about 200 by 100 feet and was contained before it spread further.

SOUTH AFRICA

FATAL SEISMIC EVENT KILLS MINER AT HARMONY GOLD'S MPONENG MINE

September 14, 2026

Mining

Source: <https://www.miningweekly.com>



Natural Hazards

A seismic event in an underground working area at Harmony Gold's Mponeng mine, in the West Rand of Gauteng, was followed by a fall of ground that killed one employee. Harmony suspended work in the affected area while it investigated the circumstances and any further controls required, and notified the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources.

PLASTIC RECYCLING WAREHOUSE FIRE IN GLEN ANIL, DURBAN

September 25, 2026

Plastics and Rubber

Source: <https://iol.co.za>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire at a plastic-recycling warehouse on Cypress Drive in Glen Anil, north of Durban, was about 75 per cent contained within 30 minutes. Structural damage was limited to about a quarter of the building. The roof partly collapsed, and some of the goods were damaged by smoke.

FIRE AT JOHANNESBURG CENTRAL SUBSTATION AFTER SUSPECTED CABLE THEFT

September 27, 2026

Power Generation and Distribution

Source: <https://ua.news>



ARSON

A fire followed an explosion at Johannesburg's central City Power substation. An axe, a jigsaw and cut copper cable were found under a damaged feeder board, and tampering is the preliminary cause. Marshalltown and parts of the central business district lost power.

LOSSES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

EGYPT

FIRE AT PLASTIC PIPES FACTORY IN 6TH OF OCTOBER INDUSTRIAL ZONE

September 19, 2026

Plastics and Rubber

Source: <https://www.elbalad.news>



Fire and/or Explosion

Giza civil protection extinguished a fire in a factory making plastic sewage pipes in the industrial zone of 6th of October City. The El Balad report puts the area involved at about 50 m². Cooling was carried out to prevent reignition, and the authorities were still assessing the damage.

MAJOR FIRE AT YARN FACTORY IN MAHALLA CAUSES SIGNIFICANT LOSSES

September 19, 2026

Textiles

Source: <https://www.elbalad.news>



Fire and/or Explosion

A short circuit started a fire in the yarn and textile warehouses of a factory in Sandasis, Mahalla, in Gharbia. The losses were estimated at more than 50 million Egyptian pounds. Reports of a fatal dyeing-factory fire in Mahalla refer to the previous year and are a different loss.

TURKEY

FIRE AT FROZEN FOOD AND TOMATO PASTE FACTORY IN MUSTAFAKEMALPAŞA, BURSA

September 2, 2026

Food Processing

Source: <https://www.milliyet.com.tr>



Fire and/or Explosion

Plastic crates caught fire in the yard of a frozen vegetable, fruit and tomato-paste factory in Koşuboğazı, Mustafakemalpaşa, Bursa. The flames briefly surrounded the plant and were under control within about an hour. Cooling continued afterwards.

CHEMICAL WAREHOUSE FIRE WITH EXPLOSIONS IN TUZLA LEATHER INDUSTRIAL ZONE

September 3, 2026

Paper Board and Leather

Source: <https://www.gercekgundem.com>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire in a logistics warehouse holding flammable chemicals at the Orhanlı leather industrial site in Tuzla, Istanbul, spread to an adjacent timber store, and small explosions were reported from the chemicals. Crews from ten districts attended for about three hours. The warehouse was left unusable.

LARGE FIRE AT DOOR PRODUCTION FACTORY IN DÜZCE

September 13, 2026

Wood Processing and Joinery

Source: <https://www.milliyet.com.tr>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire started at the Door Kapı factory on the D-100 at Hacıhaliler, Düzce, which makes wooden and American-panel doors. The combustible stock carried the fire through a large part of the building, and the smoke was visible from several points in the town. Crews from the Düzce districts attended, with reinforcement from Bolu. Mayor Faruk Özlü said the plant was fully alight and that neighbours had reported smaller fires there before.

FIRE SPREADS FROM TIRE SHOP TO FOOD FACTORY IN ESENYURT, ISTANBUL

September 23, 2026

Food Processing

Source: <https://www.haberturk.com>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire that started in a tyre shop in Yeşilkent, Esenyurt, Istanbul, spread to four adjacent auto-parts businesses and a three-storey food factory of about 5,000 m². The five businesses and the factory were damaged. The fire was out in about two hours.

FIRE AT PACKAGING WAREHOUSE OF TEA FACTORY IN ÇAYELİ, RİZE

September 25, 2026

Food Processing

Source: <https://www.milliyet.com.tr>



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire started in the packaging warehouse of Okumuş Tea Factory in Abdullah Hoca village, Çayeli district of Rize. Firefighters brought the blaze under control after prolonged efforts. No casualties or injuries occurred; material damage was limited as the warehouse held packaging materials rather than processed tea.



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Risk Assessments and Asset Valuations (Industrial and Non-Industrial Companies)

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