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AUSTRIA

SMOKE AND FIRE RESPONSE AT OMV SCHWECHAT REFINERY DURING TANK REPAIRS

October 27, 2026 **Petroleum Processing and Petrochemicals**

Source: https://www.heute.at



Fire and/or Explosion

A column of dense dark smoke rose over the OMV Schwechat refinery near Vienna on Tuesday afternoon after smoke developed during repair work on a tank that was out of service. The Austrian oil and gas company confirmed the incident on the refinery grounds and stated that the smoke had been brought under control by the on-site industrial fire brigade, which remained on scene for observation. One person was taken to hospital as a precaution because of breathing difficulties. Multiple local media outlets reported a visible smoke column that caused concern in the surrounding area of Schwechat. The refinery is Austria's only major refining facility and processes hydrocarbons as part of OMV's integrated operations.

MAJOR FIRE DAMAGES ENERGY AG WASTE TRANSFER STATION IN KATSDORF

October 22, 2026 **Miscellaneous**

Source: https://ooe.orf.at



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire that started in a waste collection container under the canopy of the Energy AG transfer station in Ruhstetten, Katsdorf, Upper Austria, rapidly spread through stored household, commercial and recyclable waste. Strong winds drove a smoke column that was visible for kilometres while roughly 150 to 200 firefighters from sixteen brigades worked for nearly twenty-four hours to bring the blaze under control. Crews succeeded in preventing the flames from reaching the adjacent office building, although the transfer hall itself sustained extensive heat and smoke damage. Operations at the site were interrupted and waste streams were diverted to other Energy AG facilities. Possible ignition sources include discarded batteries, and residual hot spots required further attention several days later.

FIRE AT HISTORIC TAR PONDS OF FORMER MAGNESITE PLANT IN TRIEBEN

October 21, 2026 **Miscellaneous**

Source: https://steiermark.orf.at



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire broke out in one of the historic tar ponds at the former Magnesite works in Trieben, Styria, where two roughly 1,000-square-metre pits had been filled between 1915 and 1961 with tar residues from a generator plant of the nearby magnesite facility. The blaze produced dense smoke that prompted the regional warning centre to issue a civil protection alert and an AT-Alert, instructing residents to remain indoors, close windows and doors, and switch off ventilation systems. Seven fire brigades from the Paltental valley deployed around 100 personnel, who extinguished the fire by applying a foam blanket after demanding operations, with the state chemical alert service also present. The alert was lifted after approximately three hours once the fire was under control.

FREIGHT TRAINS COLLIDE AND BURN AT KLEDERING RAIL YARD NEAR SCHWECHAT

October 20, 2026 **Miscellaneous**

Source: https://noe.orf.at



Fire and/or Explosion

Two freight trains collided in a sideswipe incident at the central marshalling yard in Kledering on the border between Lower Austria and Vienna near Schwechat. The impact caused three wagons loaded with passenger cars, including electric vehicles and new BMW models, to derail and partially overturn, after which fire broke out on several wagons and the loaded vehicles. A large smoke plume was visible for kilometres, reaching as far as Vienna, and the area was extensively cordoned off. Eleven fire brigades with approximately 80 personnel attended, supported by the Vienna Airport fire service with a specialist vehicle, the Vienna professional fire service, police units with drones, and rescue services. No injuries were reported, and passenger rail services were unaffected. The cause of the collision remained under investigation at the time of reporting.

AMMONIA LEAK AT COLD STORAGE LOGISTICS FACILITY IN VORCHDORF

October 19, 2026 **Cold Storage**

Source: https://ooe.orf.at



Environmental Damage

During maintenance work at a frozen logistics company in the industrial area of Vorchdorf in Upper Austria, a line on a cooling system was damaged, releasing ammonia, a pungent and potentially corrosive gas. The leak occurred in the building, with the characteristic odour detectable outside the premises. Approximately 50 emergency personnel, including specialist hazardous materials teams with heavy breathing apparatus and a dedicated dangerous substances vehicle, responded to the incident. Around 30 employees were evacuated from the facility and temporarily accommodated at neighbouring companies in the industrial zone. Two workers sustained minor injuries and were taken to the clinic in Wels. Response teams cleaned the release point and isolated the affected line, after which the all-clear was given roughly two and a half hours later once no further hazard remained.

BELGIUM

HEAVY FIRE AT IKO BITUMEN PROCESSING WAREHOUSE IN ANTWERP

October 18, 2026 **Plastics and Rubber**

Source: https://www.vrt.be



Fire and/or Explosion

A heavy fire broke out in the afternoon in a warehouse belonging to IKO at the D'Herbouvillekaai industrial site in Antwerp, where the company manufactures roofing materials, insulation plates and waterproofing systems by processing bitumen. The blaze originated in the central section of the shed dedicated to bitumen handling, producing a substantial smoke plume that drifted toward Hoboken and triggered a BE-Alert instructing nearby residents to close windows and doors while motorists were advised to switch off ventilation. Firefighters remained on site for aftercare after bringing the fire under control, and the operator confirmed that production could not resume the following day. The fire service has indicated that a technical defect is the suspected origin, with no evidence that additional hazardous substances were released during the incident.

FIRE AT METAL TREATMENT WORKS IN SCLESSIN, LIÈGE

October 6, 2026 **Metallurgical**

Source: https://www.rtbf.be



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire at La Nitruration Moderne, a metal-treatment works on rue Gilles Galler in Sclessin, Liège, spread from the ground floor to the roof before crews of Zone 2 arrived shortly after 13:00. The company carries out electrochemical, chemical and thermochemical treatment of metals, and the scale of the fire together with a risk of pollution led the fire service to declare a red plan, with a command post, pumping appliances, an aerial ladder, a chemical-risk vehicle, a breathing-apparatus container, a tanker and a civil-protection drone committed to the site. Residents of Ougrée-Bas were told through a BE-Alert message to remain indoors with doors and windows closed because of an intoxication risk, and the warning was kept in force at least until 17:10. The fire was brought under control at 14:56. A store of hazardous products on the premises was not reached by the flames, and air measurements found no pollution. Traffic on quai Vercour was closed between rue de la Barge and the Ougrée bridge while crews secured the building.

CZECH REPUBLIC

MAJOR FIRE DESTROYS SAWMILL BUILDING NEAR VRANOVICE IN PŘÍBRAM DISTRICT

October 16, 2026 **Wood Processing and Joinery**

Source: https://www.pribram.cz



Fire and/or Explosion

A major fire broke out on the evening of 16 October at an industrial sawmill between the villages of Vranovice and Láz in the Příbram district, completely engulfing the saw building known as the katru. Professional firefighters from the central station in Příbram, supported by multiple volunteer units from surrounding communities including Vranovice, Chrást, Láz, Březnice, Trhové Dušníky, Bohutín, Rožmitál pod Třemšínem and Březové Hory, responded under a second-degree alarm, employing breathing apparatus and height equipment to combat the blaze amid heavy smoke. The fire was localised shortly after 17:39 and fully extinguished by 21:45, after which residual monitoring continued overnight, with the site returned to the owner the following morning. Damage is estimated in the millions of Czech koruna, affecting the structure and operations of the wood-processing facility, while investigators from the fire service and police began examining the scene to establish the origin.

FINLAND

FIRE AT SIPARILA WOOD PANEL FACTORY IN MYLLYKOSKI, KOUVOLA

October 20, 2026 **Wood Processing and Joinery**

Source: https://yle.fi



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire broke out inside a 1,200-square-metre production hall belonging to Siparila Oy, a manufacturer of wooden panels, at its facility in the Myllykoski district of Kouvola during the night of 20 to 21 October. The Kymenlaakso rescue service responded with a medium-scale building-fire turnout that ultimately involved twelve units, and crews extinguished the blaze within the hall while subsequent clearance work continued into the early morning hours. The company processes wood into panel products at the site, and the incident remained confined to the affected production building, with firefighters completing the operation without any reported spread to adjacent structures. The response drew resources from the regional service to manage the fire inside the large industrial hall on Jäsperintie, after which the scene was left under control following the main extinguishment phase.

FRANCE

MAJOR FIRE RAVAGES VANDEMOORTELE FROZEN PASTRY PLANT IN TORCÉ

October 28, 2026 **Food Processing**

Source: https://www.20minutes.fr



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire that began at the freezer unit of the Vandemoortele Torcé 3 production site near Vitré in Ille-et-Vilaine spread rapidly through the frozen pastry and viennoiserie factory while the plant was shut for annual maintenance. The Belgian group, which produces frozen bakery goods including galettes des rois under the Banquet d'Or brand, saw roughly 8 000 m² of its approximately 9 000 m² building heavily damaged or destroyed, although firefighters succeeded in protecting an adjacent section of about 4 000 m². More than 120 firefighters from 22 stations attended for over 24 hours because of the presence of ammonia in the refrigeration systems. Three external contractors suffered light smoke inhalation and two firefighters sustained minor injuries, after which the company confirmed that the unit will be rebuilt and that continuity plans are being prepared for the 71 employees normally based there.

FIRE AT L'HERBIER PHYLAE INDUSTRIAL BUILDING IN ANDANCE

October 28, 2026 **Chemical and Pharmaceutical**

Source: https://www.ledauphine.com



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire broke out on the evening of 28 October in an industrial building of approximately 4,000 square metres belonging to L'Herbier Phylae in Andance, Ardèche. The company designs, develops, manufactures and markets natural plant-based solutions for supporting and protecting agricultural crops, operating a production site that includes laboratory and fermentation facilities. Sixty-five firefighters were engaged to combat the blaze and limit its spread, while the incident disrupted traffic on the RD86. The scale of the response and the size of the affected structure indicate substantial involvement of the main production premises.

THEFT OF STRATEGIC HAFNIUM FROM FRAMATOME PLANT IN JARRIE

October 21, 2026 **Metallurgical**

Source: https://www.lefigaro.fr



Theft

Several hundred kilograms of hafnium crystals were stolen overnight from the Framatome plant in Jarrie, Isère, a Seveso high-threshold site that also produces zirconium for the nuclear industry. The metal, valued at several million euros and used in aerospace applications, was taken in a coordinated operation that left four vehicles, including a 4x4, burned out elsewhere in the department. An investigation has been opened by the Grenoble prosecutor and assigned to the local gendarmerie research section, with no arrests reported at the time of the initial accounts. The plant has previously been targeted by similar thefts of the same strategic metal.

LARGE FIRE AT RÉKO ÉNERGIE BOIS OUTDOOR WOOD STORAGE IN MORVILLE-LÈS-VIC

October 24, 2026 **Wood Processing and Joinery**

Source: https://france3-regions.franceinfo.fr



Fire and/or Explosion

A substantial fire broke out on the evening of 24 October in an outdoor storage area at the Réko Énergie Bois facility in the industrial zone of Morville-lès-Vic, Moselle, where the company processes and stores wood for energy use, including compressed chips and pallets. The blaze affected approximately 5,000 square metres and around 12,000 cubic metres of materials from a total outdoor stock of about 20,000 cubic metres, while firefighters worked through the night to protect adjacent buildings, one of which belongs to the local community authority. Wind complicated the operations, and the mobilisation of more than 100 firefighters with over 50 vehicles continued into the following morning as a long-duration intervention, with the origin of the fire remaining under investigation at that stage.

CYBERATTACK RAISES FRIDGE TEMPERATURES AT HUNDREDS OF FRENCH SUPERMARKETS

October 12, 2026 **Shopping Centres Hypermarkets and Retail**

Source: https://www.aljazeera.com



Miscellaneous

A coordinated cyberattack overnight from 11 to 12 October targeted refrigeration controllers manufactured by Danish firm Danfoss that are installed in hundreds of stores belonging to major French supermarket groups including Intermarché and Netto under Les Mousquetaires, Coopérative U, Carrefour and Monoprix. Attackers remotely forced extended defrost cycles that drove cabinet temperatures as high as 50 °C for several hours, which ruptured the cold chain and compelled staff to discard large quantities of fresh meat, dairy and frozen goods to eliminate sanitary risk. Paris prosecutors opened an inquiry into the large-scale incident after reports of stock losses and isolated fires, while the National Cybersecurity Agency and the prime minister's office coordinated a national response; Intermarché estimated the nationwide cost in the tens of millions of euros and individual hypermarkets faced losses approaching two hundred thousand euros.

MAJOR FIRE DAMAGES INDUSTRIAL BUILDING ON FORMER KLEBER SITE IN TOUL

October 5, 2026 **Miscellaneous**

Source: https://www.ici.fr



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire that started in an automobile garage on the Toul Europe industrial estate, the former Kléber works above Toul in Meurthe-et-Moselle, spread through an industrial building and into an adjoining structure, involving more than 3,000 square metres. The site occupies the old tyre-plant footprint at the entrance to the town, where a high plume of black smoke rose toward Dieulouard and was visible from a distance. Deputy mayor Lionel Rivet, present during the response, said the fire command imposed a security perimeter because gas cylinders might be stored in the cells and an explosion could not be excluded, while the contents of those units had not been fully identified. The prefecture of Meurthe-et-Moselle stated that no employees were on the site when the fire took hold. A separate local account reported that about fifteen firms and independent workshops in the block were directly affected and that a newly completed neighbouring building was only partly damaged after the fire was held short of a full involvement.

FIRE DAMAGES INDUSTRIAL BUILDING IN TOULOUSE SAINT-SIMON

October 1, 2026 **Miscellaneous**

Source: https://www.ladepeche.fr



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire broke out at about 03:00 on 1 October 2026 in a single-storey industrial building of about 1,000 m² on Boulevard de Thibaud, Saint-Simon, Toulouse. The premises house three separate companies. Haute-Garonne firefighters deployed 25 personnel and eight vehicles, including an aerial monitor, and confined the blaze to one company, destroying about 300 m². Enedis cut power along the street during the response. No injuries were reported. The cause remains unknown.

GERMANY

ARSON DESTROYS CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY AT RHEINMETALL SITE IN CALDEN

October 30, 2026 **Miscellaneous**

Source: https://www.tagesschau.de



ARSON

Three construction vehicles were destroyed by fire overnight on the Rheinmetall construction site at Kassel-Calden airport, where the defence group is developing a logistics centre and drone testing facility as part of a project valued at more than 260 million euros and planned to occupy some 30,000 square metres once complete. Emergency services were alerted at approximately 3:15 a.m. after a witness observed flames on the site south of the B7, and upon arrival found three machines fully ablaze with additional equipment nearby also damaged during firefighting operations. Police have classified the incident as deliberate arson and transferred the inquiry to the state security unit of the North Hesse police directorate because a political motive cannot be excluded, while the scene remains secured for forensic examination. Rheinmetall confirmed that the affected machinery belonged to the civil engineering contractor and that the site had not yet been formally handed over, noting that no delay to the overall programme is currently anticipated.

METAL FIRE IN INDUSTRIAL HALL EXTINGUISHED WITH SPECIAL AGENTS IN GLADBECK

October 25, 2026 **Metallurgical**

Source: https://www.ad-hoc-news.de



Fire and/or Explosion

In the early hours of 25 October a fire involving stored metal, including a substantial quantity of magnesium, broke out inside an industrial hall on Stollenstraße in the northern part of Gladbeck. Because ordinary water cannot extinguish metal fires, crews established defensive lines to limit spread and later used a THW excavator to move the burning material outdoors, where it was treated with specialised extinguishing agents. Eighty-seven firefighters from Gladbeck, neighbouring brigades, the Marl chemical park works fire service and supporting units attended until morning, while air monitoring by the Recklinghausen measurement train detected no hazardous substances and the public was notified via the NINA warning app. The hall itself remained largely intact once the metal had been removed.

WAREHOUSE FIRE DESTROYS THYME DRYING HALL IN ASCHERSLEBEN

October 26, 2026 **Food Processing**

Source: *https://www.mdr.de*



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire that began late on the evening of 26 October completely destroyed a warehouse hall used for drying thyme and storing agricultural machinery and harvest goods in the industrial area of Aschersleben. The structure, which carried a large photovoltaic installation on its roof, suffered a partial roof collapse during the blaze, after which firefighters applied a foam blanket to prevent re-ignition while 61 personnel with nine appliances remained on site into the morning hours. Police estimated the property loss at approximately one million euros and secured the site for further investigation once a structural engineer has confirmed stability, with a technical defect among the possibilities under consideration. No persons were injured.

CRUISE SHIP MEIN SCHIFF 3 COLLIDES WITH CONTAINER VESSEL IN BREMERHAVEN

October 25, 2026 **Maritime Transport**

Source: *https://www.tagesschau.de*



Collapse / Impact

The TUI Cruises vessel Mein Schiff 3 collided with the MSC Victorine container ship while departing the Columbus Quay in Bremerhaven under strong autumn storm conditions, after which the cruise ship returned to the pier. Contact tore several lifeboats and tenders from the cruise ship and opened a roughly ten-metre gash in the side of the container vessel, although neither ship reported water ingress. The departure had been supported by tugs, and the damage has postponed the planned Canary Islands itinerary while the lifesaving equipment is assessed and repaired, since the vessel cannot sail without full capacity. More than three thousand passengers and crew remained on board while specialists examined the extent of the structural and equipment damage at the quay.

FIRE DAMAGES PRODUCTION AND WAREHOUSE HALL OF ELECTRICAL COMPANY IN RATINGEN

October 24, 2026 **Electrical Electronics and Appliances**

Source: https://www.fireworld.at



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire broke out early on the morning of 24 October 2026 in a production and warehouse hall belonging to an electrical company on Sandstraße in Ratingen-West, where dense smoke issued from multiple openings and small explosions occurred inside the building that the fire service attributed to possible gas cylinders or batteries. Approximately one hundred firefighters from Ratingen, Velbert and supporting units attended the scene, using a cutting tool to create an access opening for a firefighting robot, aerial monitors to protect adjacent areas and drones for situational awareness while the gas supply was isolated and the local electricity supply was cut off. The response was complicated by restricted access, darkness and strong winds, after which the fire was brought under control within several hours, leaving only residual hot spots that required ongoing monitoring. No injuries occurred and measurements by environmental specialists found no health risk to residents, although a temporary NINA warning advised people nearby to keep windows closed until the smoke dispersed.

DEFLAGRATION AND FIRE AT FURNACE SYSTEM OF SCHUNK GROUP IN HEUCHELHEIM

October 24, 2026 **Metallurgical**

Source: https://www.schunk-group.com



Fire and/or Explosion

A deflagration followed by a fire occurred at a furnace system on the premises of the Schunk Group in Heuchelheim, Hesse, where the site serves as the company's headquarters and principal production location employing around two thousand people who manufacture advanced materials including graphite bipolar plates and carbon components for industrial applications. The plant fire brigade, together with the local fire department and supporting units, brought the fire under control promptly, after which measurements confirmed no critical readings on the site or in the surrounding area. Smoke from the incident prompted a temporary public warning across the district of Gießen, although authorities lifted the advisory later the same day once conditions stabilised. Company statements indicated that the damage appeared limited and that production was expected to resume without prolonged interruption, while the precise cause of the deflagration remains under investigation by the relevant authorities.

TECHNICAL DEFECT HALTS BASF LUDWIGSHAFEN STEAMCRACKER WITH PROLONGED FLARING

October 17, 2026 **Petroleum Processing and Petrochemicals**

Source: https://www.die-knipser.online



Machinery Breakdown

A technical defect at approximately 17:45 on 17 October triggered an automatic safety shutdown of the steamcracker in the northern section of BASF SE's main Ludwigshafen chemical complex. Excess process gases were directed to a safety flare for controlled combustion, producing a widely visible flame, soot and noise that the operator indicated could continue until the middle of the following week. The unit, which cracks naphtha with steam at around 850 °C to yield ethylene and propylene, is a core asset in the site's petrochemical verbund and supplies feedstocks for plastics, coatings, detergents and crop-protection products manufactured at Ludwigshafen. Authorities were notified and the company requested understanding from neighbouring communities while the interruption persisted.

MAJOR FIRE DESTROYS LARGE FORMER WORKSHOP WAREHOUSE IN SCHWERTE

October 12, 2026 **Miscellaneous**

Source: https://www1.wdr.de



Fire and/or Explosion

A major fire broke out on the afternoon of 12 October in a large former auto workshop that served as a warehouse and storage facility for recreational vehicles and materials in Schwerte-Westhofen, North Rhine-Westphalia, after which the flames spread rapidly across the 90 by 50 metre hall so that the entire structure was fully involved within an hour. Firefighters faced a challenging exterior attack once the building became at risk of collapse, deploying drones for reconnaissance while more than 160 personnel remained on scene into the following day, and burning tyres contributed to a dense smoke plume that prompted official warnings across Schwerte, Hagen, Dortmund and neighbouring towns for residents to stay indoors with windows closed. The incident forced the temporary closure of the adjacent railway line between Schwerte and Hagen, disrupting train services, while the response focused on containing the fire and preventing further spread to nearby commercial premises in the area.

MAJOR FIRE DESTROYS MULTI-STOREY HALL AT GRAVEL PLANT IN BAD WÖRISHOFEN

October 9, 2026 **Mining**

Source: *https://www.augsburger-allgemeine.de*



Fire and/or Explosion

A screening machine that separates extracted gravel by grain size and removes dirt caught fire inside a multi-storey operating hall at the BK-Kies gravel works in the Unteres Hart industrial area of Bad Wörishofen. The fire had already engulfed the entire hall by the time emergency services arrived, producing a thick smoke column that was clearly visible from the nearby A96 motorway. Several voluntary fire brigades from the surrounding area mounted a major response and brought the blaze under control later in the morning, after which the hall was a total loss. The estimated damage stands at around one million euros, while a technical defect is under consideration as the initiating event in the processing equipment.

WAREHOUSE FIRE AT WASTE SITE IN SCHKOPAU-DÖLLNITZ

October 1, 2026 **Miscellaneous**

Source: *https://www.sueddeutsche.de*



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire on the evening of 1 October 2026 destroyed a storage hall at a waste-disposal site in Döllnitz, Schkopau, Saalekreis, Saxony-Anhalt. Police said about 380 tonnes of industrial waste burned. The fire also affected two office containers, two trucks and several work machines. It was brought under control around 02:00, with hotspots flaring through the day. About 250 fire and civil-protection personnel attended. Two firefighters suffered minor burns to hands and arms. Residents were warned of smoke. Cause and damage value were not stated.

FIRE DESTROYS INDUSTRIAL HALL IN HELMSTEDT BUSINESS PARK

October 1, 2026 **Miscellaneous**

Source: https://www.ndr.de



Fire and/or Explosion

A major fire broke out on the evening of 1 October 2026 in an industrial hall in the Neue Breite business park in Helmstedt, Lower Saxony. The steel hall, linked in local reporting to a hydraulics company, was fully involved on arrival. The roof collapsed, and acetylene and other gas cylinders stored inside produced small explosions. Firefighters fought the blaze from outside and protected the adjacent office building. More than 150 personnel were deployed. No injuries were reported. The B244 was closed overnight. Cause and loss amount remain under investigation.

GREECE

EXPLOSION DURING MAINTENANCE AT MOTOR OIL REFINERY IN AGIOI THEODOROI

October 15, 2026 **Petroleum Processing and Petrochemicals**

Source: https://greekreporter.com



Fire and/or Explosion

An explosion occurred during planned maintenance welding operations by an external contractor at the Motor Oil Hellas refinery in Agioi Theodoroi, near Corinth, which is Greece's second-largest refining complex and accounts for more than one-third of the country's refining capacity. The blast was triggered by a sudden and violent release of gas or steam while work was underway on Unit 750, a high-pressure exchanger that had been taken out of service for preventive maintenance. The incident prompted an immediate response from emergency services and led to the arrest of several contractors and Motor Oil supervisory staff on charges of criminal negligence and safety violations, with further individuals under investigation. State technical inspectors are examining the equipment to determine the precise sequence that produced the release, while labour unions have renewed calls for stronger safety protocols at the site following a prior fatal event at the same facility earlier in the month.

FIRE DESTROYS COTTON WAREHOUSES AT KARAGIORGOS GIN IN TRIKALA

October 6, 2026 **Textiles**

Source: https://kosmoslarissa.gr



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire that began in the central cotton store of the Afioi N. Karagiorgos gin, the former Palaiologos plant on the Trikala-Karditsa road at Longos near Glinos, spread into adjoining warehouses and left extensive damage to the storage buildings and to baled cotton. Early accounts put six cotton warehouses in the fire, which took hold in the early hours while large quantities of raw cotton were on site during the ginning season. Reports place the lost cotton near 3,000 tonnes, although other accounts link that figure to warehouse capacity, so the final stock and equipment loss is still being measured. Cotton remaining in the stacks can continue to smoulder inside the bales, which keeps the stores open to flare-up and prolongs the work of clearing the damaged buildings. The site had passed to the Karagiorgos group in a 2021 acquisition reported at 3.3 million euros, and the fire hits the unit while intake and processing of the local crop are at the centre of the plant's activity.

ITALY

MAJOR FIRE DAMAGES EXTERNAL PALLET STORAGE AT AGL PALLETS PLANT IN MONTICHIARI

October 29, 2026 **Wood Processing and Joinery**

Source: https://www.ilgiorno.it



Fire and/or Explosion

A large fire broke out late on the evening of 29 October in the external storage yard of Agl Pallets, a company specialised in the production of wooden pallets and loading platforms located in the Fascia d'Oro industrial zone of Montichiari. Stacks of pallet material ignited and the flames rose more than ten metres, also involving two articulated trucks and a forklift while remaining short of the main production building. Approximately thirty-five firefighters from eleven teams, supported by units from Verona, worked through the night to contain the blaze and complete the subsequent clearing of burned material. The scale of the response and the volume of combustible stock destroyed indicate a material loss of tens of thousands of euros, with the building temporarily declared unfit pending structural checks. Early findings point toward a deliberate origin, although investigations by the carabinieri and fire service continue.

MAJOR FIRE AT ECOACCIAI SCRAP METAL PLANT IN PONTEDERA INDUSTRIAL ZONE

October 26, 2026 **Metallurgical**

Source: https://www.iltirreno.it



Fire and/or Explosion

A major fire broke out in the late evening of 26 October at the Ecoacciai Spa facility in the Gello industrial zone of Pontedera, where the company, part of the Ferriera Valsabbia group and specialised in the recovery, processing and commercialisation of ferrous and non-ferrous scrap metal including the dismantling of end-of-life vehicles, stores pre-shredded mixed material from vehicle bales containing iron, rubber and plastics pending further processing in its mill. The blaze, which originated in a storage deposit while the plant was closed, generated a dense column of black smoke visible for several kilometres, including from the Fi-Pi-Li motorway, and required the mobilisation of fire crews from Pisa, Livorno, Lucca, Florence and an airport appliance over approximately three days until it was extinguished. Municipal ordinance suspended activities at nearby plants including Revet, Ecofor Service and Geofor within a 500-metre radius, temporarily disrupting regional waste collection services, while Arpat monitored air quality and planned environmental sampling for metals, dioxins, furans and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in areas potentially affected by smoke deposition, with firefighting water collected for disposal as liquid waste.

LARGE FIRE AT FG RICICLAGGI WASTE RECYCLING PLANT IN CAIRO MONTENOTTE

October 21, 2026 **Miscellaneous**

Source: https://www.primocanale.it



Fire and/or Explosion

A large fire broke out in the evening at the Fg Riciclaggi waste recycling plant in the Bragno district of Cairo Montenotte, near Savona, where two storage warehouses holding wood, plastics and tyres caught fire and produced a dense column of black smoke that affected air quality across neighbouring towns. The company, which processes separately collected materials, activated its fire protection systems, which contained the blaze to the stored goods and prevented structural damage to the industrial buildings, although firefighters from multiple stations including Cairo, Savona and Albenga, supported by civil protection volunteers and a large-capacity tanker, remained on site for hours to extinguish the flames and secure the area. Local authorities closed schools in Cairo Montenotte, Carcare, Cosseria and Altare as a precaution while Arpal technicians monitored air, water and soil for possible dioxin releases from the burning plastics and rubber, and the Savona prosecutor opened an investigation into the origin of the fire, which is not excluded from being deliberate given the recent rainfall.

LARGE FIRE ENGULFS INDUSTRIAL WAREHOUSE IN NAPLES VIA BRIN

October 16, 2026 **Miscellaneous**

Source: https://tg24.sky.it



Fire and/or Explosion

A major fire broke out at dawn on 16 October inside an industrial warehouse complex on Via Brin in the Gianturco district of eastern Naples, affecting an area of roughly two thousand square metres. The blaze originated from a street sweeper parked in the King parking facility before spreading to a storage unit holding Chinese goods. Four firefighting teams with water tankers and aerial platforms worked to control the flames which produced a dense black smoke column visible across the city. A nearby residential building was evacuated as a precaution while the prefecture activated a coordination centre and authorities advised residents to keep windows closed and avoid prolonged outdoor exposure until the emergency ended.

FIRE DESTROYS WASTE FLEET AND DEPOT AT GIALPLAST IN FASANO

October 8, 2026 **Miscellaneous**

Source: https://www.giornaledipuglia.com



Fire and/or Explosion

A large fire in the industrial area of Fasano, in the province of Brindisi, struck the depot of Gialplast, also reported as Gial, the contractor that runs municipal waste collection for the town, after flames broke out overnight in via Giacomo Rosato. The fire took hold both outside and inside one of the company's warehouses, destroying a large part of the heavy and light collection fleet assigned to Fasano and leaving that shed unusable. Crews from the Brindisi command and from the detachments at Ostuni, Francavilla Fontana and Monopoli, supported by at least two water tenders, extinguished the blaze before it spread further and then secured the site. Dense black smoke rose over the industrial area while the company began looking for replacement vehicles across Puglia so that differentiated collection could continue, with the municipality warning only of short delays. The mayor and the ecology assessor said the firm had moved quickly to keep the service running despite the loss of the local vehicle park and of one warehouse.

FIRE DESTROYS PLASTICS WAREHOUSE AT MORETTO IN MASSANZAGO

October 7, 2026 **Plastics and Rubber**

Source: https://www.padovaoggi.it



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire at Moretto, a plastics processing company on via Padovane in Massanzago, in the province of Padua, engulfed a warehouse after flames were first reported in the office area. About 200 people on site were evacuated while fire crews from Cittadella, Padua, Mestre and Rovigo, including water tenders and an aerial appliance, worked through the afternoon and into the night to bring the blaze under control and to prepare the building for cleanup. Plastic stock inside the shed produced a smoke column visible for hundreds of metres across the Camposampierese, which prompted ARPAV technicians to take air and water samples so that any pollutant release could be checked. Early indications pointed toward an electrical short circuit in the office zone, and traffic on roads around the plant, one of the larger employers in Massanzago, was heavily delayed while the area was cordoned. An early damage figure was put in the tens of thousands of euros, although the full extent of loss to the building and plastic stock was still being assessed as crews remained overnight.

CHEMICAL RELEASE AND FIRE AT PAINT PLANT IN CAIVANO

October 3, 2026 **Chemical and Pharmaceutical**

Source: https://napoli.corriere.it



Environmental Damage

On the evening of 3 October 2026 a chemical reaction released irritant fumes from an already seized tank at a paints and coatings plant in the ASI Pascarola industrial area of Caivano, near Naples. Plastic materials outside the silos also caught fire and were quickly extinguished. Firefighters sealed and inerted the tank. The site, previously hit by a solvent-silo fire, was seized again. The mayor suspended all production at the plant and across the industrial zone, closed the cemetery and public parks, and advised FFP2 masks and closed windows. Investigations into the reaction are ongoing.

MAJOR FIRE AT DEROMA PLASTICS WAREHOUSE IN MALO

October 1, 2026 **Plastics and Rubber**

Source: https://www.bresciatoday.it



Fire and/or Explosion

On 1 October 2026 a large fire broke out around 14:00 at the Deroma plant in the industrial zone of Malo, Vicenza province. The site manufactures terracotta and plastic pots. Flames affected a storage and dispatch warehouse of roughly 3,000 square metres within a much larger hall, involving plastic stock and rooftop photovoltaic panels, with black smoke visible for kilometres and some internal explosions. Firefighters from several commands contained the blaze; nearby premises were evacuated and three schools were closed the next day as a precaution. No injuries were reported. Damage was provisionally put in the millions of euros. Cause not established.

NETHERLANDS

FIRE IN ANIMAL FEED DRYER AT ALCO ENERGY PLANT IN ROTTERDAM EUROPOORT

October 23, 2026 **Food Processing**

Source: https://www.rijnmond.nl



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire developed on the morning of 23 October in a dryer containing a maize product used for animal feed at the Alco Energy facility on the Merwedeweg in the Europoort district of Rotterdam, after the plant had already experienced a major power outage and a smaller fire earlier that day which had sent arriving staff home and prevented full restart of production. The Rotterdam-Rijnmond Safety Region ordered precautionary evacuation of the building and an adjacent site while large-scale water transport and a port fireboat were deployed to tackle the blaze; the dryer was later emptied to reduce further smouldering and improve access to the seat of the fire. Wind carried odour toward Hoek van Holland without release of hazardous substances, and residents were advised to keep windows and doors closed if they experienced nuisance. No injuries occurred.

MAJOR FIRE DESTROYS 4500 M² FOOD WHOLESALER BUILDING IN ROTTERDAM

October 24, 2026 **Food Processing**

Source: https://nos.nl



Fire and/or Explosion

A major fire broke out around 1:50 a.m. on 24 October in an approximately 4,500-square-metre commercial building on the Sydneystraat in the Zestienhoven business park in northwest Rotterdam, which houses the Albaraka food wholesaler stocking products from the Middle East, Turkey and North Africa along with other businesses. Flames rapidly spread through the ground and upper floors, leading the fire service to declare the structure a total loss and later to permit a controlled burn while crews protected neighbouring units, parked vehicles and the wider industrial estate near Rotterdam The Hague Airport under stormy conditions. Heavy smoke prompted an NL-alert advising residents to close windows and doors, with ash and soot particles carried across much of Rotterdam by shifting winds, prompting recommendations to clean outdoor play areas and wipe pets that had been outside. No injuries were reported, and police opened an investigation that treats arson as one possible scenario.

FIRE AT HOSOKAWA MICRON FACILITY IN DOETINCHEM

October 14, 2026 **Miscellaneous**

Source: https://www.gld.nl



Fire and/or Explosion

A large fire broke out on the roof and in an outbuilding of the Hosokawa Micron B.V. technology company on Gildenstraat in Doetinchem, where the firm designs and manufactures equipment and systems for the processing of powders, particles and bulk solids, including mixing, drying and agglomeration technologies serving customers in chemicals, minerals, food, pharmaceuticals and other sectors. The blaze, which reports indicated may have started in the vicinity of a machine room, led to the full evacuation of the premises according to protocol because gas cylinders and potentially hazardous substances were present inside the building. Fire crews responded with several engines, an aerial ladder and a drone used for aerial inspection to determine the best approach, focusing on confining the fire to one area so that it would not spread through the remainder of the industrial complex. The fire was brought under control after roughly one hour amid thick smoke visible over a wide area, after which firefighters checked the building for any remaining smouldering material. The street was closed in both directions during the operation.

LARGE WAREHOUSE FIRE NEAR SCHIPHOL DISRUPTS RUNWAY OPERATIONS IN AALSMEER

October 12, 2026 **Miscellaneous**

Source: https://www.nhnieuws.nl



Fire and/or Explosion

A very large fire erupted shortly after 13:00 on 12 October 2026 in a warehouse on the Aalsmeerderweg in Aalsmeer, Netherlands, where vehicles were stored. Flames broke through the roof, generating thick black smoke plumes visible across a wide area including Amsterdam, which forced the temporary closure of Schiphol Airport's Buitenveldertbaan runway for several hours while air traffic controllers assessed conditions. Regional fire services scaled the response to a very large incident, deploying multiple appliances and aerial platforms, and later brought in a demolition crane to open the building for final extinguishment after the fire was brought under control around 16:00. Five nearby homes were evacuated because of the smoke, soot particles containing potentially harmful substances were released, and the incident caused significant operational disruption at the nearby airport.

MAJOR FIRE DESTROYS WAREHOUSE AT CONSTRUCTION FIRM IN PAPENDRECHT

October 10, 2026 **Miscellaneous**

Source: https://www.rtvdordrecht.nl



Fire and/or Explosion

A major fire broke out around 09:30 on 10 October 2026 in a warehouse of approximately 20 by 100 metres at the Nanengat industrial site in Papendrecht, Netherlands, at the premises of construction firm Butter en Voogd adjacent to Gebr. de Koning. The blaze rapidly escalated to a very large fire, producing dense black smoke that prompted an NL-Alert and temporary road closures, while multiple regional fire crews, additional water transport and drones were mobilised. The structure proved beyond saving, leading crews to deploy a crane to dismantle the building so that extinguishment could continue from inside, with operations lasting several hours until the fire was declared under control around 13:00. Three companies were affected by the incident, bitumen deposits fell in the surrounding area, and the Salvage Foundation provided assistance to the businesses while neighbouring premises were protected.

MAJOR FIRE DAMAGES LARGE RENTAL DEPOT FOR AERIAL PLATFORMS AND SCAFFOLDING IN MOERDIJK

October 6, 2026 **Miscellaneous**

Source: https://www.omroepbrabant.nl



Fire and/or Explosion

A large fire broke out in a free-standing industrial building occupied by a rental company specialising in aerial work platforms and scaffolding materials on the Graanweg within the Moerdijk industrial estate. Flames started at the front of the premises and spread rapidly through the structure, generating substantial smoke that lingered in the morning mist and prompting advice for nearby residents to stay indoors. Multiple fire appliances attended, and crews brought the blaze under control within roughly an hour, after which residual hotspots required further damping down. The building sustained heavy damage, although neighbouring units remained unaffected because of the separation between structures. The incident involved a commercial equipment hire operation whose stock of lifting gear and access equipment is used across construction and industrial sites in the region.

SUSPECTED ARSON FIRE DAMAGES INDUSTRIAL UNITS IN ALMERE

October 1, 2026 **Miscellaneous**

Source: https://www.omroepflevoland.nl



ARSON

On the evening of 1 October 2026 a very large fire broke out shortly before 23:00 in a multi-unit industrial building on Bolderweg, De Vaart industrial estate, Almere Buiten. The fire started in a unit occupied by Mal Verkeersservice, a traffic-sign and road-marking company, and heavily damaged that unit. Firefighters used multiple appliances, aerial platforms and a drone to stop spread to the other units; an adjacent unit suffered smoke and water damage. The fire was under control around 02:00. No injuries were reported. Police confirmed the fire was deliberate and appealed for witnesses and camera footage.

NORWAY

FIRE DAMAGES GRAIN DRYER AT FELLESKJØPET FACILITY IN TRONDHEIM

October 13, 2026 **Cereals Seeds and Flour Mills**

Source: https://www.nrk.no



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire broke out in the grain drying plant at Felleskjøpet's reception facility in Ila, Trondheim, during the night of 12-13 October, where roughly 60 tonnes of oats were being processed. The blaze, which appears to have started in overheating fans within the dryer, required prolonged effort by 20 firefighters to bring under control and has left the drying installation out of service for an extended period, creating significant disruption for grain handling across the Trøndelag region. Nearby silos sustained little damage and the adjacent compound-feed factory continued normal production while other regional plants stepped in to support reception. Assessment of the grain that remained in the dryer and of the full operational consequences is still under way.

TANKER AND TWO CARGO SHIPS COLLIDE NEAR ÅLESUND

October 4, 2026 **Maritime Transport**

Source: https://www.nrk.no



Collapse / Impact

Early on 4 October 2026 a tanker and two cargo ships collided in Valderhaugfjorden near Ålesund after a Mayday at 01:37. The largest vessel is about 147 metres long. Vessels from the Faroe Islands, the Netherlands and Norway were involved. One ship took on water; the other two had hull damage without flooding. No injuries were reported. The Joint Rescue Coordination Centre, the frigate Fridtjof Nansen, the Norwegian Sea Rescue Society and civilian vessels responded. A rescue helicopter was stood down after evacuation was not required.

POLAND

MAJOR FIRE COMPLETELY DESTROYS WOODWORKING PLANT IN KALWARIA ZEBRZYDOWSKA

October 30, 2026 **Wood Processing and Joinery**

Source: https://tvn24.pl



Fire and/or Explosion

A major fire broke out early on 30 October at a woodworking plant on Jagiellońska Street in Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, Małopolskie Voivodeship, completely destroying a production hall measuring approximately 26 by 13 metres and over 330 square metres in area where timber was stored and processed. The blaze, which started around 04:12 and was brought under control after 06:00, required the deployment of up to 30 fire appliances and more than 100 firefighters from professional and volunteer units because of the dense surrounding development that placed neighbouring residential properties and another woodworking workshop at immediate risk. Crews successfully protected four adjacent buildings including two dwellings by applying protective water streams while the main structure was consumed, after which demolition work with an excavator and prolonged damping-down continued for many hours amid water-supply difficulties and temporary restrictions on national road 52. The incident resulted in the total loss of the workshop building and its contents, with investigations into the origin continuing under the direction of a fire expert.

MAJOR FIRE DESTROYS AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY PARTS WAREHOUSE IN NISKO

October 16, 2026 **Miscellaneous**

Source: https://informacje.wp.pl



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire at a wholesale warehouse and retail outlet supplying spare parts for agricultural tractors and machinery in Nisko rapidly engulfed the structure after involving highly flammable materials stored inside, which accelerated the spread and forced crews to protect adjacent residential buildings. The facility, which held equipment and components for farm machinery, was fully involved, with the building ultimately destroyed and subsequent operations requiring partial demolition of the roof structure to reach remaining hotspots. A major mobilisation of more than 150 firefighters from multiple districts, supported by specialist resources, brought the blaze under control after extended operations that included continuous cooling and structural work.

MAJOR FIRE DESTROYS PROMET CARGO WAREHOUSE IN SŁUBICE

October 4, 2026 **Road Freight**

Source: https://gazetalubuska.pl



Fire and/or Explosion

On the evening of 4 October 2026 a fire fully involved a high-bay warehouse of about 4,300 square metres belonging to Promet Cargo in the special economic zone at Osiedle Przemysłowe, Słubice, Lubusz. The hall stored household appliances and electronics, including batteries. More than 100 firefighters from over 20 crews fought the blaze; the roof collapsed and the building and contents were largely destroyed. A chemical team monitored air quality. No injuries or evacuations were reported. The fire was under control by about 01:47 on 5 October. Police and a fire expert are investigating the cause under a prosecutor.

PORTUGAL

MAJOR FIRE DESTROYS BIOVIA WASTE WAREHOUSE IN PEDRULHA, COIMBRA

October 21, 2026 **Miscellaneous**

Source: https://www.cmjornal.pt



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire of large proportions broke out in the early hours at the Biovia Engenharia e Gestão Ambiental facility in the Pedrulha industrial zone of Coimbra, completely destroying one of the company's pavilions and causing damage to a second building. The site, engaged in engineering and environmental management of industrial waste, held substantial quantities of hazardous materials which complicated firefighting efforts and required crews to prevent the blaze from spreading to adjacent warehouses in the band of structures along Rua do Cardal. Nearby residents were evacuated as a precaution while multiple brigades from Coimbra and surrounding areas attended. The fire was brought under control after approximately an hour and a half, after which teams remained on site for extended rescaldo and consolidation work involving around two dozen operatives and ten vehicles.

ROMANIA

BOILER RUPTURE AND INTERNAL EXPLOSION SHUT DOWN TURCENI POWER UNIT

October 5, 2026 **Power Generation and Distribution**

Source: https://www.gandul.ro



Machinery Breakdown

A boiler rupture followed by an internal explosion at Unit 5 of the Turceni thermal power plant, operated by Complexul Energetic Oltenia, forced the 285 MW coal-fired unit offline on 5 October. The failure originated from progressive erosion of the boiler membrane walls by injected coal under the normal operating pressure of 180-190 bar, which produced cracks that culminated in the rupture and explosion inside the installation. The unit was the only one still in service at the plant after the earlier closure of Unit 4, and the outage immediately reduced national coal-fired generation below 350 MW while increasing reliance on imports during evening peaks. Repairs to the affected tubes can begin only after the turbine cools, with rehabilitation estimated at around 48 hours before the unit proceeds into a previously scheduled three-week overhaul that still requires approval from the national dispatch. The plant holds roughly 330,000 tonnes of coal in stock and employs about 530 people, of whom 120 are assigned to repair work.

BOILER FAILURE SHUTS DOWN UNIT 5 AT TURCENI POWER PLANT

October 27, 2026 **Power Generation and Distribution**

Source: https://www.digi24.ro



Machinery Breakdown

A crack developed in the boiler of Unit 5 at the Turceni thermal power plant, operated by Complexul Energetic Oltenia, forcing the only remaining operational unit at the lignite-fired station to shut down on the morning of 27 October. The failure occurred in the vaporizer area of the boiler, where aging pipes and tubes that have experienced repeated stress from coal combustion gave way, requiring the unit to be taken offline so that the installation could cool before repairs could begin. With an installed capacity of 285 MW, the outage removes a substantial block of generation from Romania's national energy system at a time when other coal units are already limited by fuel stocks and the broader system is relying on imports. Technical teams estimate that reconnection may be possible by 1 November once the necessary cooling period and repairs are completed, although the plant has seen similar boiler incidents in recent weeks due to the age of the equipment.

EXPLOSION AND FIRE AT CET IAȘI THERMAL POWER PLANT DISRUPTS DISTRICT HEATING FOR THOUSANDS

October 17, 2026 **Power Generation and Distribution**

Source: https://www.euronews.ro



Fire and/or Explosion

An explosion followed by fire at an electric transformer inside the CET Iași thermal power and district heating plant on Calea Chișinăului damaged electrical installations in an industrial hall and forced a complete shutdown of the facility. The plant, which supplies heat and hot water to more than 22,000 apartments along with 138 public institutions including schools and hospitals and 171 commercial users, lost power to its pumps after contactors, transformers and isolators were destroyed by the blaze. Firefighters from the local emergency service deployed seven appliances to extinguish the flames which had spread across roughly one thousand square metres of the hall before the affected area was later assessed as smaller yet the electrical damage proved severe enough to halt all production. Local authorities and plant staff began clearing debris and assessing options to restore supply while a mixed commission investigates the sequence that began with the transformer explosion.

FIRE AT SOLVENT STORAGE HALL IN SUTEȘTI, VÂLCEA

October 3, 2026 **Chemical and Pharmaceutical**

Source: https://www.digi24.ro



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire broke out on 3 October 2026 in a storage hall in Sutești, Vâlcea County, holding more than 30 tonnes of solvents, resins and pigments. Local reports linked the site to a toluene-related operator. Heavy smoke prompted Ro-Alert messages. Firefighters extinguished the blaze after more than four hours and stopped spread to neighbouring buildings. No casualties were reported.

FIRE AT POLYSTYRENE FACTORY YARD IN ARAD INDUSTRIAL AREA

October 1, 2026 **Plastics and Rubber**

Source: https://www.euronews.ro



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire broke out on 1 October 2026 at a polystyrene factory in the Aradul Nou industrial area, near the motorway on the outskirts of Arad. ISU Arad said the fire affected about 1,500 square metres of the yard, where large quantities of polystyrene and raw material were stored. Three Ro-Alert messages were issued as thick smoke covered the city. Firefighters contained and extinguished the fire in about three hours. No injuries were reported.

SPAIN

EXPLOSION AT EL FARGUE MUNITIONS FACTORY IN GRANADA

October 30, 2026 **Miscellaneous**

Source: https://www.abc.es



Fire and/or Explosion

An explosion occurred in the demilitarization zone of the Fábrica de Municiones de Granada, a large historic facility producing ammunition, powder and missile components under CSG and MSM Group ownership, which occupies nearly one million square metres on the outskirts of the city. The blast took place during a routine controlled burn of obsolete or damaged artillery shells and residual explosives in the open-air incineration area, where material is deliberately spread to limit the force of any deflagration. Emergency protocols were activated immediately, workers were evacuated and police, firefighters and bomb-disposal teams responded to secure the site. Company statements indicate that the production buildings and nearby civilian property sustained no damage, so that long-term operations are not expected to be affected, while a small number of employees suffered only minor hearing injuries or light burns.

HIGH-SPEED TRAIN COLLISION NEAR URDA KILLS 69 ON MADRID-SEVILLE LINE

October 28, 2026 **Miscellaneous**

Source: https://www.elpais.com



Collapse / Impact

On the morning of 28 October, a Renfe AVE high-speed train operating the Madrid–Seville service struck the rear of a stationary Iryo train of the same route at kilometre point 118+800 on track 2 of the Madrid–Seville high-speed line, at the entrance to Urda station in Toledo province.

The collision, which occurred at an estimated 160–200 km/h, embedded the leading carriage of the Siemens Series 103 AVE into the rear carriage of the Hitachi ETR1000 Iryo set; both carriages overturned at the foot of the embankment while further vehicles from both trains derailed. The Iryo carried 147 passengers and five crew, the AVE 379 passengers and seven crew, for a combined total of more than 530 people on board. Provisional figures stand at 69 fatalities and more than 200 injured, making the event Spain's deadliest rail accident since the 2013 Santiago de Compostela derailment and the second major high-speed incident on the same corridor this year after Adamuz.

The sequence began at approximately 08:30 when a communications failure among three computers at the Urda LZB interlocking took the automatic train-protection system offline over a 63 km stretch, automatically stopping six trains. With the system down, the Atocha control centre assumed manual authority and at 08:36 authorised the AVE to resume under lateral signalling with normal speed.

The Iryo, unable to restart its own LZB equipment, remained stopped at the entry signal and reported its position, yet the AVE continued and closed the gap in roughly seventeen minutes. The Independent Administrative Authority for Technical Investigation of Railway, Maritime and Civil Aviation Accidents (AITAT) has opened a formal inquiry; The line was closed and a three-day national mourning period was declared.

FIRE DAMAGES LARGE COTTON WAREHOUSE IN LEBRIJA

October 27, 2026 **Textiles**

Source: https://www.abc.es



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire broke out in the early hours of the morning inside an isolated low-rise industrial warehouse in Lebrija, Seville province, which was being used for the storage of approximately one million kilograms of cotton. The premises, measuring roughly two to three thousand square metres, were attended by crews from three provincial fire stations after an alert was raised at 04:17, with the blaze concentrating on the rear section of the building where large volumes of the highly flammable material had been stacked. Firefighters carried out a direct water attack while a command unit coordinated the response, and the isolation of the structure meant that no adjoining properties were placed at immediate risk. The volume of cotton present prolonged the intervention, although the incident remained confined to the single warehouse and no wider industrial estate disruption was reported.

QUARRY BLAST INJURES FOUR WORKERS IN O PORRIÑO

October 2, 2026 **Mining**

Source: https://www.elespanol.com



Fire and/or Explosion

An explosion during a controlled blast at a quarry in the parish of Atios, O Porriño (Pontevedra), injured four male workers on 2 October 2026. The 112 Galicia emergency centre received the alert at about 13:10. The most seriously injured man, aged 42, was flown to hospital in A Coruña. Three others, aged 49 to 63, were taken by road to Álvaro Cunqueiro Hospital in Vigo. The Civil Guard opened an investigation. No further damage to plant was reported.

FIRE AT PAPRIKA FACTORY IN EL SEMOLILLA INDUSTRIAL PARK, ABANILLA

October 1, 2026 **Food Processing**

Source: https://www.la7tv.es



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire broke out at about 05:30 on 1 October 2026 at a paprika factory in the El Semolilla industrial park in Abanilla, Murcia. The blaze started in one industrial unit and spread to an adjoining warehouse. Firefighters from Abanilla, Molina de Segura, Yecla and Lorca attended, with 18 firefighters, a sergeant and nine appliances reported. No injuries were reported. The fire was contained shortly before 08:00, with extinguishing work continuing.

SWEDEN

FIRE DESTROYS STORAGE TENT AND SPECIAL VEHICLES AT BOTNIA GOLD MINE IN LYCKSELE

October 10, 2026 **Mining**

Source: https://www.svt.se



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire broke out on the evening of 10 October 2026 in an isolated storage tent of approximately 450 square metres at the Fäbodtjärn gold mine operated by Botnia Gold in Vindelgransele near Lycksele, destroying the tent along with three specialised mining vehicles consisting of a concrete truck, a concrete sprayer and an explosives charging vehicle, which were owned jointly by the company and its main contractor Bergteamet. Supplies, pumps, tools and other equipment stored inside the tent were also lost. Personnel from Bergteamet who were on site raised the alarm and acted promptly to limit the spread of the fire before the arrival of the emergency services, which handed the site back to the operator shortly after 02:00 once the blaze had been extinguished. Production at the mine has since resumed at reduced capacity, with the company expecting to approach full rates within about a week and to restore complete output in roughly three weeks, while preliminary estimates place the one-off material costs between 5 and 10 million Swedish kronor.

SWITZERLAND

ARSON FIRE DAMAGES B&T ARMS MANUFACTURING PLANT IN THUN INDUSTRIAL ZONE

October 29, 2026 **Miscellaneous**

Source: https://www.20min.ch



ARSON

A major fire broke out in the early hours at the headquarters and manufacturing facility of B&T AG, a Swiss producer of firearms, silencers and accessories including less-lethal launchers supplied to French police, located in the Allmendingen industrial zone of Thun. The blaze, which police and firefighters found already fully developed upon arrival after an alert at around 03:10, heavily damaged the upper two floors of the multi-storey building, blackening and partially deforming the facade, shattering windows and leaving parts of the structure at risk of collapse. Operations continued into the afternoon to extinguish the fire completely. An anonymous ultraleft collective later claimed responsibility via video showing individuals throwing an incendiary device toward wooden pallets beside the site from which the flames spread; the cantonal police treat the incident as arson and have opened an investigation. The company, which remains insured, estimates material losses between 12 and 20 million Swiss francs and has closed its main building, store and shooting range until further notice.

UNITED KINGDOM

MAJOR FIRE DESTROYS BUSINESS UNITS AT TONGE CORNER FARM NEAR SITTINGBOURNE

October 24, 2026 **Miscellaneous**

Source: https://www.kentonline.co.uk



Fire and/or Explosion

A large fire broke out at Tonge Corner Farm off Church Road in Tonge near Sittingbourne, Kent, where a complex of business units housed in large metal barn structures was involved. The blaze destroyed a metal barn and affected three buildings in total, with an explosion reportedly blowing the roof off one unit and sending debris into the surrounding area while thick black smoke rose for miles. Several businesses operating at the site, including a motor racing operation, suffered total loss of premises and contents, and the presence of cooking oil complicated firefighting efforts as crews deployed foam systems after water proved insufficient. Kent Fire and Rescue Service mobilised ten fire engines, a height vehicle and a bulk water carrier at the peak of the incident, later employing a firefighting robot to access areas that remained unsafe for crews, while nearby residents were evacuated and power supplies to local properties were interrupted amid concerns for adjacent electricity pylons.

MAJOR FIRE ENGULFS INDUSTRIAL UNIT AT FORMER FIDDLERS FERRY POWER STATION

October 15, 2026 **Power Generation and Distribution**

Source: https://www.bbc.com



Fire and/or Explosion

A large fire broke out in an industrial unit at the decommissioned Fiddlers Ferry Power Station near Warrington, Cheshire, which is undergoing demolition and clearance for redevelopment into housing. Crews from eleven stations across Cheshire attended the incident shortly before 13:00 on 15 October, establishing a cordon and temporarily closing the A562 Widnes Road while residents nearby were advised to keep windows and doors closed because of the smoke. The fire, which appeared concentrated in a chimney area of one of the remaining structures, was brought under control with the assistance of high-reach equipment, after which sections of the affected building were removed to allow dampening down of hotspots. Site operators Peel NRE confirmed the premises had been safely evacuated with no casualties, and investigations indicated the origin was accidental while firefighters remained on scene into the following day to monitor residual heat.

MAJOR SCRAPYARD FIRE AT LLAY INDUSTRIAL ESTATE NEAR WREXHAM

October 7, 2026 **Miscellaneous**

Source: https://wrexham.com



Fire and/or Explosion

A major fire at a scrap metal yard on Llay Industrial Estate near Wrexham burned for six days after breaking out on the evening of 7 October. At its peak the response involved 12 fire engines, two aerial ladder platforms, a high-volume pump, foam carriers, an incident command unit and an environmental protection unit, with crews remaining on site to extinguish hotspots. North Wales Fire and Rescue Service later identified a lithium-ion battery as the most likely accidental cause. Natural Resources Wales monitored the incident for potential environmental impacts throughout the prolonged operation.

FIRE DAMAGES ATHERTON BIKES FACTORY IN MACHYNLLETH

October 11, 2026 **Miscellaneous**

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



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire broke out in the manufacturing area of the two-storey Atherton Bikes factory on Treowain Industrial Estate in Machynlleth, Powys. The company, which designs and manufactures mountain bikes, saw around half of the building damaged by fire while the remainder suffered smoke damage. Firefighters from Mid and West Wales and supporting appliances from Shropshire, including an aerial platform and water bowser, attended and salvaged some bikes and IT equipment. Production and deliveries are expected to be disrupted while the owners assess the full extent of the damage to the facility and its operational impact.

LOSSES IN AFRICA

MOROCCO

FIRE DESTROYS WOOD AND FURNITURE FACTORY IN MGHOGHA INDUSTRIAL ZONE, TANGIER

October 23, 2026 **Wood Processing and Joinery**

Source: https://ecopress.ma



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire broke out in the evening at a wood processing and furniture manufacturing unit in the Mghogha industrial zone of Tangier, where the facility produced carpentry items, sponge foam and related materials for home furnishings. Sparks from welding work carried out during emergency maintenance on iron supports are believed to have ignited highly flammable foam, after which the flames spread rapidly through stocks of wood and other combustibles stored on site. The blaze destroyed machinery, equipment and raw materials throughout the workshop, causing substantial material losses estimated by industry sources at more than three hundred million centimes and interrupting production at a plant that was still expanding its operations. Firefighters contained the incident before it could reach neighbouring factories in the zone, while an investigation was opened under the supervision of the competent public prosecutor.

MAJOR FIRE DESTROYS PAJAMA FACTORY IN AL MAJD INDUSTRIAL ZONE, TANGIER

October 13, 2026 **Textiles**

Source: http://linformation.ma



Fire and/or Explosion

A major fire of rare intensity broke out on Tuesday evening at a two-storey ready-to-wear factory specialising in the confection of pyjamas, located in the Al Majd industrial zone at El Aouama in Tangier, where the blaze completely destroyed the building that employed nearly 330 workers, the majority of them women. The flames were fed by the presence of plastic materials on the site, which required firefighters to deploy substantial resources including six water tankers and a special crane to bring the fire under control by the early morning hours, while dozens of nearby residents evacuated their homes in response to the severity of the incident and the risk of further spread within the industrial area. The total destruction of the production facility has halted operations at the site, with the material loss extending to the full structure and its contents.

LOSSES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

EGYPT

MAJOR GAS PIPELINE RUPTURE AND FIRE AT ENTRANCE TO 6TH OF OCTOBER CITY

October 9, 2026 **Oil and Gas Extraction Transport and Marketing**

Source: *https://mebusiness.ae*



Fire and/or Explosion

A natural gas pipeline operating at 7 bar pressure ruptured and ignited at the entrance to 6th of October City along the Wahat Road west of Sumed after a contractor performed excavation work without prior coordination with the operator Natgas. The resulting fire was brought under control by civil protection teams after emergency isolation of the affected section, while a dual-feed arrangement kept supply to customers uninterrupted. Three people died and thirteen others were injured, with eight taken to Sheikh Zayed Specialist Hospital and five to 6th of October Central Hospital. The Petroleum Minister and the Prime Minister monitored the response, ordered a technical investigation into the sequence, and directed prompt repair work and compensation arrangements. Property damage occurred in the immediate area while the line was being restored.

FIRE AT PLASTIC FACTORY IN SADAT CITY INDUSTRIAL ZONE

October 1, 2026 **Plastics and Rubber**

Source: *https://www.algomhor.com*



Fire and/or Explosion

On 1 October 2026 a large fire broke out at a plastics manufacturing factory in the Seventh Industrial Zone of Sadat City, Menoufia Governorate. Civil protection and several fire engines responded with security and ambulance units. The Menoufia security director attended the site. Firefighters fully extinguished the blaze and completed cooling inside the plant. No injuries or fatalities were reported. The cause was not stated.

TURKEY

FIRE ENGULFS ATTIC OF SHOE FACTORY IN TUZLA LEATHER INDUSTRIAL ZONE

October 22, 2026 **Paper Board and Leather**

Source: https://www.hurriyet.com.tr



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire started shortly after 04:30 in the attic of a 5 000 m² shoe factory on Kazlıçeşme Street inside the Tuzla Leather Organized Industrial Zone in Istanbul. Part of the attic was used as a warehouse and the flames, which at times reached two metres, quickly spread across the entire upper level. Fire crews attacked the blaze from eight separate points and required roughly four to five hours to extinguish it completely, while police controlled access to the surrounding streets. The factory forms part of the leather and footwear production cluster in the industrial zone and the extent of damage to stock and structure is being assessed following the prolonged intervention.

FIRE AT İNCI AKÜ BATTERY FACTORY IN MANISA ORGANIZED INDUSTRIAL ZONE

October 23, 2026 **Electrical Electronics and Appliances**

Source: https://www.hurriyet.com.tr



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire broke out on the evening of 23 October in a section of the İnci Akü starter battery production plant in the Manisa Organized Industrial Zone, close to an acid tanker. The plant, part of İnci Holding, manufactures vehicle batteries and the blaze remained confined to a limited portion of the facility after firefighters brought it under control within approximately one and a half to two hours. A major response involved 22 fire appliances, 52 personnel and 12 water tankers from the Manisa metropolitan brigade together with local OSB crews and forest vehicles, while workers were evacuated without injury. The company later stated that the fire had not spread beyond the affected area and that cooling operations continued, with the origin still under examination by authorities.

FIRE DAMAGES ARIMED PHARMACEUTICAL FACTORY IN VIZE, KIRKLARELI

October 18, 2026 **Chemical and Pharmaceutical**

Source: https://www.haberler.com



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire broke out at the Arimed pharmaceutical factory in the Çakıllı town of Vize district in Kırklareli province shortly after 16:00 local time on 18 October. Flames quickly spread through the facility and particularly engulfed the warehouse section where pharmaceutical materials were stored, generating dense smoke visible from surrounding areas. Fire brigades from Kırklareli together with mutual-aid teams from neighboring Tekirdağ province, supported by AFAD and medical units, mounted a substantial response that required approximately three hours of continuous intervention before the blaze was brought under control. The incident left substantial material damage to the production and storage areas of the plant, after which cooling operations continued on site while an official investigation was opened into the sequence of events that initiated the fire.

SEVERE FLOOD DAMAGES FACTORIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN ELAZIĞ ORGANIZED INDUSTRIAL ZONE

October 12, 2026 **Miscellaneous**

Source: https://www.elazigsonhaber.com



Flood

A severe flash flood triggered by intense rainfall struck the Elazığ Organized Industrial Zone on the evening of 12 October, inundating production areas, warehouses and administrative sections across multiple factories while damaging machinery and raw-material stocks. Rising waters collapsed factory retaining and stone walls, cracked and undermined main and connecting roads so that traffic was partly halted, and severed electrical transmission lines, prompting a precautionary power cut across the zone to allow safe repairs. The OSB management activated its emergency plan immediately, initiating water pumping, road clearance and infrastructure restoration so that industrial operations could resume once the affected sites were made safe.

CHEMICAL REACTION IN 10-TON TANK AT MOLEKÜL YAPI KIMYASALLARI FACTORY IN EYÜPSULTAN

October 11, 2026 **Chemical and Pharmaceutical**

Source: https://www.haberler.com



Environmental Damage

A chemical reaction took place inside an approximately 10-ton capacity tank at the Molekül Yapı Kimyasalları factory, which manufactures construction chemicals, located in the Kemerburgaz neighbourhood of Eyüpsultan district in Istanbul. The reaction produced dense, strongly scented smoke that emanated from the tank and prompted the immediate evacuation of personnel from the premises. Emergency services including police, firefighters wearing specialised protective gear and masks, medical teams and AFAD units were mobilised to the site, with dedicated chemical response vehicles stationed nearby. Firefighters accessed the affected section of the plant and carried out a controlled emptying of the tank contents, which successfully terminated the reaction following extended operations, while the intense odour remained perceptible across a broad area surrounding the facility.

FIRE AT AYHAN SEZER OIL PLANT IN BANDIRMA

October 7, 2026 **Food Processing**

Source: https://www.haberler.com



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire in the crude-oil section of the Ayhan Sezer oil plant at Edincik, on the Bandirma–Canakkale road in Balikesir province, spread through the factory during the night shift after workers raised the alarm. The plant, which processes edible oil, was fully involved within a short time, and the first attendance of five appliances and fifteen firefighters had to be reinforced from Susurluk with a water-supply vehicle and from Karesi with a foam tower, together with a public-order water cannon, so that the blaze could be held. Control was reached only after about eight and a half hours, after which cooling continued with two appliances still on the site while an examination of the crude-oil section was opened to establish how the fire had taken hold of the process area.

FIRE DAMAGES FURNITURE FACTORY IN NILÜFER, BURSA

October 5, 2026 **Wood Processing and Joinery**

Source: https://www.bursahayat.com.tr



Fire and/or Explosion

A fire broke out at about 06:05 on 5 October 2026 at a furniture manufacturing factory on the Bursa-Izmir highway at Başköy, Nilüfer. Thick black smoke was visible from several points along the road. Bursa metropolitan fire crews sent about 20 fire engines, supported by 10 water tankers and an excavator; an AFAD CBRN team was deployed as a precaution. Flames were brought under control after roughly 2.5 hours. The roof and parts of the plant were heavily damaged. Cooling continued after the fire, and the cause was under investigation. No casualties were reported.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

OIL SPILL FROM DAMAGED TANKER WIDENS OFF NORTHERN UAE COAST

October 23, 2026 **Oil and Gas Extraction Transport and Marketing**

Source: https://www.khaleejtimes.com



Environmental Damage

An oil spill originating from a damaged tanker off the coast of the United Arab Emirates has widened according to satellite imagery, reaching close to the shores of the northern Umm Al Quwain emirate and prompting temporary closures of beaches and coastal areas across Umm Al Quwain, Sharjah and Ras Al Khaimah. The Ministry of Climate Change and Environment confirmed the spill after residents reported fuel-like odours for several days, with containment, cordoning, cleanup and remediation operations launched immediately to limit the impact on marine life and coastal zones. Experts linked the source to the Gem No.2 tanker, which had earlier been struck by an unidentified projectile, while authorities continue environmental assessments and urge the public to avoid affected waters and rely on official updates.

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