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Fire on the Ostankino television tower. **Elke Wetzig**

Thirteen years ago today on Aug. 27, 2000 a fire broke out at the Ostankino television tower in Moscow. The fire, which was caused by a faulty electrical cable, took more than a day to put out and resulted in the deaths of three people.

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