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18 Injured, 2 Missing After Donbass Mining Accident

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Eighteen miners were injured and another two remain missing after a fire broke out at a mine in the Krasnoarmeisk district in eastern Ukraine on Tuesday, Interfax reported.

The incident occurred at about 10:30 a.m. at a depth of 815 meters below ground, when a mixture of gas and dust is believed to have caused an explosion, the report said. Those injured in the blast, at the Skakhtoupravleniye Pokrovskoye mine, were immediately transported to a local hospital.

Investigators were at the scene throughout the day Tuesday, and a criminal case has already been launched on the charge of violating safety norms. The Donetsk regional prosecutor has taken charge of the case, Interfax reported.

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