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Massive Fire Breaks Out in Southern Russia

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A massive fire in the center of the southern Russian city of Rostov-on-Don engulfed 25 homes on Monday afternoon.

The fire started as the result of a gas explosion and soon spread across an area of roughly 10,000 square kilometres, the Interfax news agency reports, citing the local branch of the Emergency Situations Ministry.

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At least 22 people have been hospitalized and local authorities have declared a state of emergency, the report says.

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