Moscow's Historic Pushkin Museum Evacuated After Catching Fire
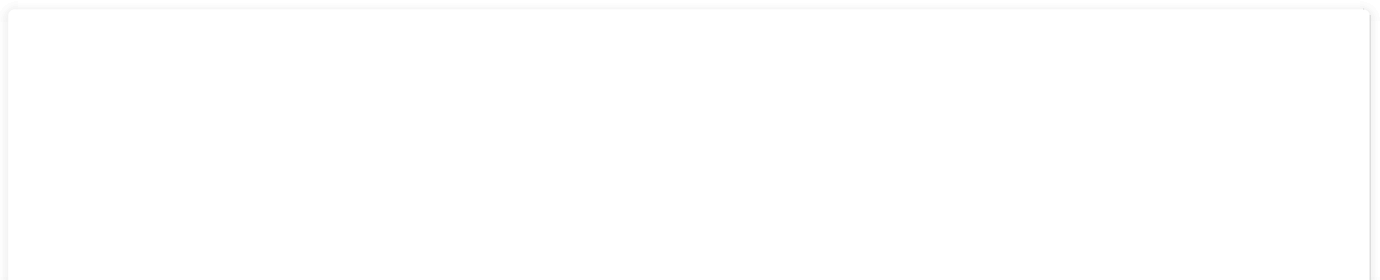
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The Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts was evacuated Friday after the early 20th century building in central Moscow caught fire, the Interfax news agency [reported](#).

An unnamed source told the agency that more than 30 people were evacuated after a fire broke out in the museum's ventilation system.

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Initial videos uploaded to social media showed smoke coming from the museum's private collections building.

The Pushkin Gallery later confirmed to The Moscow Times that the fire, caused by a technical

fault, had broken out in the private collections building but was under control.

The museum said its collections were not under threat of damage or destruction.

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Russia's Ministry of Emergency Situations told reporters that the fire was 40 square meters and that an investigation was underway.

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