

Petrochemical Plant Explosion in Russia's Bashkortostan Injures 3

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Russian Emergencies Ministry

At least three people were injured by an explosion and fire at a petrochemical plant in the republic of Bashkortostan, local authorities [said](#) early Monday.

The mayor's office in the city of Sterlitamak said the explosion occurred at a "product pipeline" of the Sterlitamakskiy Neftekhimicheskiy plant. The city is located around 120 kilometers (74.6 miles) south of the regional capital Ufa.

Russia's Emergency Situations Ministry [said](#) liquefied gas began burning after a "depressurization on an overhead gas pipeline."

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The cause of the explosion was not immediately clear. Fire crews were able to [contain](#) the fire after about an hour.

Eyewitness photos and videos [showed](#) thick black smoke billowing out of the plant. At least one security camera video caught the moment of the explosion followed by fire shortly before noon local time.

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