

Fire Reported Near Israeli Nuclear Center



Tel Aviv, June 11 (RHC)-- A major fire has reportedly broken out in central occupied Palestinian territories near the site of Israel's nuclear weapons production. The fire engulfed the Rotem Amfert chemicals factory near the city of Dimona on Wednesday near the Negev Nuclear Research Center.

Israel is reported to be manufacturing its nuclear weapons in the Negev desert where, the Research Center, roughly 13 kilometers (eight miles) southeast of Dimona, is located. No injuries have been reported in the incident. Local media said the blaze erupted after an ammonia tank caught fire.

Some 20 firefighters battled the flames. Everyone inside the factory, located in the city of Dimona, was evacuated and the area was cordoned off as firefighters continued to try and extinguish the blaze, police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said.

Flames could be seen engulfing the building and a huge plume of smoke rose from the Rotem Amfert factory where fertilizer and phosphates are produced.



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