
Explosion at Southern Iran Port claims 25 lives, over 1,100 injured



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SHIRAZ, April 27, 2025 — A devastating explosion at Shahid Rajaei Port in southern Iran has claimed 25 lives, with more than 1,100 others injured, according to local sources. The explosion occurred on Saturday after a fire broke out in the port's container dock area, quickly escalating into a deadly blast.

Local media reports suggest that the fire began around noon local time (0830 GMT) and quickly

spread due to high temperatures, reaching 40 degrees Celsius. Witnesses cited the presence of flammable materials near the fire's origin, which may have contributed to the rapid escalation. The explosion led to significant damage at the port, one of Iran's most strategically important, located in Hormozgan province, about 15 kilometers southwest of Bandar Abbas, near the Strait of Hormuz.

The Iranian State TV confirmed the tragic toll, reporting that 25 people have died, and at least 1,100 individuals have been injured in the blast. The injured have been taken to hospitals across the region, with authorities working to manage the aftermath of the explosion.

This incident has drawn attention to the vulnerability of key infrastructure in the region. The port, a critical hub for Iran's trade and logistics, has been placed under heightened security, and investigations are underway to determine the exact cause of the explosion. Authorities have yet to confirm whether the incident was the result of foul play or a tragic accident.

As the situation develops, the Iranian government is providing support to victims and their families while emergency response teams continue to assess the full extent of the damage.