

## 《广州番禺仓库爆炸6000多居民被迫撤离》

GUANGZHOU - An explosion ripped through a warehouse at a chemical plant in the southern Chinese city of Guangzhou on Thursday, forcing the evacuation of about 6,000 residents, the local government said.

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The accident happened at about 2:35 pm at the No 6 Warehouse, a storage facility for oxidant, at the Futian Chemical Company in Guangzhou's Panyu district, the district government said in a statement.

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Ninety firefighters and 15 fire trucks were dispatched to handle the blast, and the situation was brought under control at about 3:10 pm, the statement said.

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A small amount of hydrogen chloride, a toxic gas, had been detected in the air in neighboring areas, and the evacuated residents have yet to return home, it said.

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An investigation into the cause of the accident is underway, according to the statement.

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