

Suspected terror attack behind Czech industrial fire, officials say

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A major fire at an industrial complex in Pardubice early Friday morning is being investigated as a deliberate terrorist attack, according to Czech Interior Minister Lubomír Metnar.

The facility, which houses the defense technology firm LPP Holding, was reportedly targeted due to its partnerships with Israeli weapons manufacturers.



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Zajišťujeme okolí požáru, ke kterému došlo v ranních hodinách v Dělnické ulici v Pardubicích. Na místo míří kriminalisté. V tuto chvíli nehrozí žádná nebezpečí pro obyvatele. #policiepak



“There is a probable connection to a terrorist attack,” Metnar stated, noting that while the incident resulted in significant property damage, no injuries have been reported

[The investigation has been taken over](#) by the National Centre Against Terrorism, Extremism and Cybercrime (NCTEKK) in cooperation with the Prosecutor General's Office in Prague. Both the civilian counter-intelligence service (BIS) and Military Intelligence (VZ) are also participating in the probe.

The incident gained international attention after a group calling itself "The Earthquake Faction" sent an email to the [news site Aktuálně.cz](#) claiming responsibility.

"Early this morning, a key Israeli weapons manufacturing facility was set on fire by an underground group in order to put an end to its role in the ongoing Israeli genocide in Gaza," Aktualne.cz reported, citing an email received by one of its reporters

The group described the Pardubice site as a "key Israeli weapons manufacturing hub" and stated the arson was intended to protest the ongoing conflict in Gaza.

A video allegedly showing the fire being set was also circulated on the X network.

LPP Holding had previously announced plans to develop and manufacture unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) at the Pardubice site in collaboration with the Israeli defense giant Elbit Systems. *The Elbit works at Shipley in Yorkshire has been targeted for the same reason several times.*