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Factory fire in southern India kills 6

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USPA News - Six people were killed early Monday morning when a large fire broke out at a factory building outside the southern Indian city of Bangalore, police and fire department officials said. One worker survived the blaze as he had just left to pick up tea.

The fire broke out at around 5:30 a.m. local time on Monday when inflatable seating materials caught fire at a factory building in Bangalore, the state capital of India`s Karnataka state. Seven employees were sleeping inside the facility overnight, but one had briefly stepped out moments earlier. Local fire department officials said the group of workers had just finished their night shift at the factory, which was being operated by SR Seating Systems. Firefighters rushed to the scene and successfully put out the fire but were unable to rescue any of the six employees inside. The seventh worker had left the factory moments before the fire to pick up tea, but he closed the rolling shutter at the entrance as the facility was fully stocked. Authorities said one of the victims was discovered lying in front of the closed entrance, but it was not known if the others had tried to escape. Indian media reports said police were unable to find the factory`s owner.

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