

4 dead, 9 injured in Taipei car crash



Four people are killed and nine others injured after a pileup on Yangde Boulevard in suburban Taipei on July 19, 2017. [Photo/cctv.com]

Four people were killed and nine others injured after a pileup on Yangde Boulevard in suburban Taipei on Wednesday, according to local police.

The accident occurred at around 8:16 a.m. when a cement truck failed to stop as it approached an intersection on the boulevard.

A total of nine fire engines and 12 ambulances were dispatched to the scene.

Three men and one woman died. Five houses, 13 cars and nine motorcycles were damaged due to the accident, local authorities said.

The truck's driver said his vehicle's brakes failed. Further investigation is underway.

Transparency data: BEIS websites: reporting on progress 2016 to 2017

Government departments publish annual progress reports on their [external websites](#) including data on usage, accessibility and satisfaction ratings.

Note: BEIS was created in July 2016 following the merger of the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) and the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC).

[Chris Williamson response to the Home Office's statement on adding fire and rescue inspections to HMIC's responsibilities](#)

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Williamson MP, Labour's Shadow Minister for Fire and Emergency Services,

commenting on

the Home Office's statement on adding fire and rescue inspections to HMIC's responsibilities, said:

"After

an unclear Home Office statement, Ministers must tell the public exactly what extra resources, staff and expertise will actually be provided.

"If

today's statement is really a cloak for cuts to existing fire and rescue inspectors, and over-stretching the inspectors of the police services, it will

be strongly opposed. The police and the fire service both need expert and thorough inspection, and the public will be right to demand that they have it.

Labour will oppose any cuts to the inspection regimes under the guise of efficiency and savings."

[Five weeks on from the Grenfell Tower fire, the Government's system of fire safety checks is not fit for purpose – John Healey](#)

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Healey MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Housing, responding to the release of new information on fire safety tests of tower blocks, said:

"Five weeks on from the Grenfell Tower fire, the Government's system of fire safety checks on tower blocks is not fit for purpose.

"The latest statement from Ministers, smuggled out yesterday evening as the Commons finished for the day, confirms that there are still 52 tower blocks with the same type of cladding as Grenfell Tower that have not been tested. Even worse, it confirms there are still thousands of other tower blocks around the country which may not be safe but which Government tests have ignored.

"These fire safety tests are vital to reassure residents that their homes are safe, but the testing process to date has failed to do this. The tests are too slow, too narrow and confused. Residents are still worried and landlords are in the dark. Secretary of State Sajid Javid must report fully to Parliament tomorrow before the summer recess and explain how he is going to get a grip of this mess."

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Kate Osamor MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for International Development, commenting on the release of the National Audit Office report into aid spending, said:

"We should be proud that British aid is transforming millions of lives and working to make the world more peaceful and secure. This watchdog report shows that DFID has become a world leader in preventing fraud and managing aid effectively and transparently. But under this divided Conservative government,

Ministers are fighting each other for control of the aid budget.

"This report highlights how the ever-increasing proportion of Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) now being spent by other government departments isn't subject to the proper scrutiny or effective management that we know the Department for International Development (DFID) brings. The Conservative government needs to quickly make sure all aid spending by all departments meets key transparency criteria and is subject to scrutiny by Parliament's International Development Committee."

"Only a Labour government will fully protect the independence of DFID and its world-class expertise and leadership. We will keep to our commitment of spending 0.7% of national income, and

ensure that we spend that we do so responsibly and effectively."