Explosion rocks petrochemical plant in east China

An explosion hit a petrochemical firm in east China's Shandong Province Monday morning, casualties unknown, according to local authorities.

The explosion occurred at 1 a.m. Monday and triggered fires at the loading area of Linyi Jinyu Petrochemical Co. Ltd. in the Linyi Lingang Economic Development Zone. Casualties and economic losses remained unknown.

The investigation on the cause of the accident is underway.