[Six killed, one injured in north China factory blaze](#)

The fire ripped through a plastic factory in Huanghua City at about 5:40 p.m. Sunday. [Photo/Weibo.com]

Six people were confirmed dead after a fire broke out in a factory in north China's Hebei Province Sunday afternoon.

The fire ripped through a plastic factory in Huanghua City at about 5:40 p.m. while seven workers were in the factory, the city government said on Monday.

Two of them were killed at the scene, while four others died in the hospital. The seventh worker was receiving medical treatment and his condition was described as serious.

No environmental pollution was reported following the accident.

The factory was ordered to suspend production in April for failing to meet pollution-control requirements. But it resumed operations against the order.

The head of the factory has been detained while the cause of the accident is being investigated.