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WESA/AP: Several Injured After Explosion, Fire At Energy Facility

<https://www.wesa.fm/post/several-injured-after-explosion-fire-energy-facility#stream/0>

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