AP PHOTOS: Deadly Fertilizer Plant Explosion

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The ground shook with the strength of a small earthquake when a fertilizer plant in West, Texas, exploded Wednesday evening. Police say the blast killed 5 to 15 people and injured more than 160 others. Here are some images of the aftermath of the explosion:

An emergency worker walks through damaged apartment building following a fertilizer plant explosion Wednesday, April 17, 2013, in West, Texas. An explosion at a fertilizer plant near Waco Wednesday night injured dozens of people and sent flames shooting high into the night sky, leaving the factory a smoldering ruin and causing major damage to surrounding buildings. **(AP Photo/ Waco Tribune Herald, Rod Aydelotte)**

An injured elderly person is assisted by two young males as a nursing home is evacuated after an explosion at a nearby fertilizer plant Wednesday, April 17, 2013, in West, Texas. **(AP Photo/Waco Tribune Herald, Rod Aydelotte)**

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A victim from the West fertilizer plant explosion is wheeled into Hillcrest Baptist Medical Hospital in Waco, Texas, Wednesday, April 17, 2013. **(AP Photo/Waco Tribune Herald, Jerry Larson)**

An unidentified man injured by the West fertilizer plant explosion is treated by nurses from Hillcrest Baptist Medical Hospital in Waco, Texas, Wednesday, April 17, 2013. **(AP Photo/Waco Tribune Herald, Jerry Larson)**

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This video image provided by WFAA-TV shows injured people being treated on the flood-lit the high school football field turned into a staging area after the blast in West Texas Wednesday April 17, 2013. **(AP Photo/WFAA-TV)**

A fire still burns in a apartment complex destroyed near a fertilizer plant that exploded earlier in West, Texas, in this photo made early Thursday morning, April 18, 2013. **(AP Photo/LM Otero)**

Smoke fills the air after a fertilizer plant explosion Wednesday, April 17, 2013, in West, Texas. A massive explosion at the fertilizer plant near Waco on Wednesday night injured dozens of people and sent flames shooting into the night sky, leaving the factory a smoldering ruin following a blast that damaged buildings for blocks in every direction. **(AP Photo/Waco Tribune Herald, Rod Aydelotte)**

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Emergency workers evacuate elderly from a damaged nursing home following an explosion at a fertilizer plant Wednesday, April 17, 2013, in West, Texas. An explosion at a fertilizer plant near Waco caused numerous injuries and sent flames shooting high into the night sky on Wednesday. **(AP Photo/ Waco Tribune Herald, Rod Aydelotte)**

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