

At least 10 killed in Spanish retirement home fire

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Online Desk : Fire ripped through a retirement home in the town of Villafranca del Ebro in northern Spain early on Friday, killing at least 10 people, the regional government of Aragon said. The blaze started in a residence for elderly called “Jardines de Villafranca” around 5 a.m. (0400 GMT) and it took a couple of hours for firefighters to put it out, a spokesperson for the regional government said.

The spokesperson could not specify whether all the victims were residents of the retirement home, where 82 elderly people lived. One person was in a critical condition, while several people are under care mainly for suffering from smoke inhalation. Fire fighters, who came from the area of Zaragoza, a city 35 km (22 miles) away, ambulances and police are on site, he said. The cause of the fire was still being investigated.