

## At least ten are killed and 250 injured as crane drops a tank filled with TOXIC GAS onto a container ship sparking huge deadly yellow cloud at Jordanian port



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Ten people are dead and 251 injured after a toxic gas tank exploded and released toxic gas over a Jordanian port when workers dropped it on to the dock of a ship.

Dramatic footage shows dock workers lifting the tank on to a container ship in Jordan's southern port city of Aqaba when it slipped from the hook, bursting and spreading deadly fumes around the port.

The crane can be seen dangling the container over the ship before releasing it early, letting it fall to the ground where it explodes in a plume of yellow smoke.

Workers were trying to place the tank on to a container ship, with officials said the cylinder contained chlorine about to be exported overseas.

Port workers were caught on camera trying to flee the fumes.

A statement seen by the [Jordan Times](#) said the leak resulted from a technical malfunction in the switch of the 1,500-litre chlorine cylinder.

CDD teams administered first aid to the injured and took them to Princess Salma and Karak hospitals, a CDD statement said.

The directorate said authorities sealed off the area after evacuating the injured to hospitals and sent specialists in to address the situation.

Dr. Jamal Obeidat, a local health official, urged people to stay inside and close windows and doors.

The nearest residential area is 15 miles away, but it is impossible to say how far the substance might spread.

