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### **KADENA EMERGENCY RESPONDERS EXTINGUISH FIRE AT HAZMAT FACILITY ON BASE**

The fire that started at a hazardous materials facility on Kadena Air Base this morning has been extinguished. Fire and emergency personnel from the 18th Wing responded to the scene just before nine o'clock and quickly contained the fire to the HAZMAT facility.

Due to smoke from the burning building and the potential release of chlorine gas, buildings and personnel in the affected area were evacuated. The fire was extinguished at approximately 2:00 p.m. and the evacuation order for areas surrounding the incident has been rescinded.

Approximately 45 individuals on base were affected by exposure to smoke and/or chlorine gas with the majority exhibiting mild symptoms. Most of the individuals have been treated and returned to duty.

At this time, the cause of the fire is unknown. Bioenvironmental personnel and emergency responders remain on the scene to monitor the situation and ensure there's no safety risk to the community.

Please refer questions regarding this incident to the 18th Wing Public Affairs office at [18wg.pamedia@us.af.mil](mailto:18wg.pamedia@us.af.mil).

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