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## Extra

### Deadly Fire Roars through Romanian Nightclub killing at least 27 people

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“Fire tore through a nightclub in Romania on Friday night during a rock concert that promised a dazzling pyrotechnic show, killing at least 27 people and spreading confusion and panic throughout a central neighborhood of Bucharest, the capital, The Associated Press reported. At least 180 people were injured in the fire at the Colectiv nightclub, according to The Associated Press”.



Up to 400 people were in the club



Many of those in hospital have severe burns

## CTIF starts project to support the increase of safety in entertainment facilities

“Information about the large fires always draws a lot of interest. This is especially true in the case when fire cause casualties what is unfortunately happening too often. According to available data, fire at Bucharest nightclub killed at least 27 people while another 180 were injured after pyrotechnic display sparked blaze during the rock concert. The media report that there were 300 to 400 people in the club when a fireworks display around the stage set nearby objects alights. It is difficult to judge what has really happened but as it seems there was a problem with evacuation routes, number of occupants and also people didn't know whether the flame was a part of the scenario or not. Collected data and testimonials remind us on similar fires and events that happened previously. One of the first that came to the memory is the Station Night Club fire that happened 12 years ago. It is evidently that combustible material, crowd, the lack of exits and poor evacuation procedures leads to increased risks. In order to avoid similar critical events, **CTIF will through its commissions** launch a project that will have an important task to prepare a guideline to increase fire safety in the entertainment facilities”.

*Ales Jug, Chairman CTIF Fire Prevention Commission*

This is a **list of notable nightclub fires** at indoor and outdoor venues. Many involve pyrotechnic failures.

Source WIKIPEDIA

Name	Location	Year	Deaths	Injuries	Notes
<u>Study Club fire</u>	<u>Detroit, Michigan, US</u>	1929	22	50	Study Club was a <u>speakeasy</u> nightclub.
<u>Rhythm Club fire</u>	<u>Natchez, Mississippi, US</u>	1940	209		The second-worst club fire in American history. The deadliest club fire in history, and the second-worst single-building fire in American history (second only to the <u>Iroquois Theatre fire</u> ).
<u>Cocoanut Grove fire</u>	<u>Boston, Massachusetts, US</u>	1942	492		
<u>Karlstust dance hall fire</u>	<u>Berlin, Germany</u>	1947	80–88	150	Worst fire disaster in Berlin since World War II 14 died in the fire and 5 died of injuries received from jumping out of windows
<u>Top Storey Club</u>	<u>Bolton, UK</u>	1961	19		
<u>Club Cinq-Sept</u>	<u>Saint-Laurent-du-</u>	1970	146		

<u>fire</u>	<u>Pont, France</u>			
<u>Blue Bird Café fire</u>	<u>Montreal, Canada</u>	1972	37	
<u>Whiskey Au Go Go fire</u>	<u>Fortitude Valley, Brisbane, Australia</u>	1973	15	
<u>UpStairs Lounge arson attack</u>	<u>New Orleans, Louisiana, US</u>	1973	15	32
<u>Summerland disaster</u>	<u>Douglas, Isle of Man</u>	1973	50	80
<u>Gulliver's nightclub fire</u>	<u>Port Chester, New York, US</u>	1974	24	32
<u>Beverly Hills Supper Club fire</u>	<u>Southgate, Kentucky, US</u>	1977	165	200
<u>Stardust fire</u>	<u>Artane, Dublin, Ireland</u>	1981	48	214
<u>Alcalá 20 nightclub fire</u>	<u>Madrid, Spain</u>	1983	82	27
<u>Happy Land fire</u>	<u>The Bronx, New York, US</u>	1990	87	
<u>Kheyvis fire</u>	<u>Olivos, Buenos Aires, Argentina</u>	1993	17	
<u>Ozone Disco Club fire</u>	<u>Quezon City, Philippines</u>	1996	162	95
<u>Gothenburg discothèque fire</u>	<u>Gothenburg, Sweden</u>	1998	63	213
<u>Luoyang Christmas fire</u>	<u>Luoyang, Henan, China</u>	2000	309	
<u>Volendam New Year's fire</u>	<u>Volendam, Netherlands</u>	2001	14	241
<u>Canecão Mineiro nightclub fire</u>	<u>Belo Horizonte, Brazil</u>	2001	7	197
<u>Utopía nightclub fire</u>	<u>Lima, Perú</u>	2002	25	100
<u>The Station nightclub fire</u>	<u>West Warwick, Rhode Island, US</u>	2003	100	230
<u>República</u>	<u>Buenos Aires,</u>	2004	194	

Deadliest arson attack in New Orleans at that time, and one of the deadliest attacks on **LGBT** people in United States history.

Third-worst club fire in American history.

Fifth-worst club fire in American history.

Second-worst club fire in Argentine history.

Worst fire in Philippine history.

Second-deadliest club fire in history.

Started by fireworks.

Fourth-deadliest club fire in American history. Started by **fireworks**.

Worst club fire in Argentine

<u>Cromañón nightclub fire</u>	<u>Argentina</u>				history. Started by fireworks.
<u>Wuwang Club fire</u>	<u>Shenzhen, Guangdong, China</u>	2008	43	88	Started by fireworks.
<u>Santika Club fire</u>	<u>Watthana, Bangkok, Thailand</u>	2009	66	222	Possibly started by fireworks (disputed, see article).
<u>Lame Horse fire</u>	<u>Perm, Russia</u>	2009	156	≤160	Worst fire in Russia since the fall of the Soviet Union. Started by fireworks.
<u>Jack Dannie Nigst Store</u>	<u>Taichung, Taiwan</u>	2011	9	13	
<u>Kiss nightclub fire</u>	<u>Santa Maria, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil</u>	2013	242	168	Worst club fire and second worst fire disaster in Brazil. Third deadliest club fire in history. Started by fireworks.
<u>Formosa Fun Coast explosion</u>	<u>New Taipei City, Taiwan</u>	2015	3	496	Most wounded in a man-made accident in Taiwan in 50 years <i>[citation needed]</i>
<u>Club Colectiv nightclub fire</u>	<u>Bucharest, Romania</u>	2015	30	184	Worst fire in Romania in 20 years. Started by fireworks.



Interesting report from Nightclub in Santa Maria, Brazil and other events

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xZAECFKP6oA>

*Take the time to watch it!*

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