

Crew evacuated in oil rig fire

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ABERDEEN, Scotland -- Workers on a North Sea oil rig off the coast of Scotland were evacuated safely after fire broke out in the engine room. Diamond Offshore Drilling Inc. said no one was injured in the fire on the semi-submersible rig Ocean Guardian. "The rig's fire suppression system was activated and the fire was extinguished," the Houston company said Wednesday in a news release. "All personnel have been accounted for and there were no injuries." Diamond Offshore provides contract drilling services to the energy industry. The Daily Record newspaper said a 32 non-essential workers were flown off to other nearby rigs soon after the alarm was raised, while 55 workers stayed on board to help tackle the fire. The rescue operation, coordinated by Aberdeen Coastguard, included teams from the British Royal Air Force and and four helicopters, the newspaper said.

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