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The agency did not identify the missing workers, but said they were in the turbine area of the No.4 reactor at the Fukushima nuclear plant, which was damaged by last Friday's earthquake and tsunami.

Agency official also told a news conference there was a crack in the roof of the reactor building.

Authorities are desperately trying to prevent the water which is designed to cool the radioactive cores of the plant's reactors from running dry, which would lead to overheating and the release of dangerous radioactive material into the atmosphere.

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(Reporting by Terril Jones)

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pebbles14 wrote:

Perfect example of umilism. Doesn't say if the crack is in the CONTAINMENT building, just in the roof of one of the reactor buildings. Keep in mind it was reactor buildings that had their roofs blown OFF! Details, Reuters, details.....

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