

Tributes flow for victims as Japan reels from deadly blaze

Notes & Cues:	<p><b>Article:</b></p> <p>An alleged arson attack on a respected Japanese animation studio left a shocked nation grieving, as investigators looked to identify victims and determine a possible motive in one of the deadliest acts of violence in Japan’s modern history.</p> <p>A total of 33 people — many of them young — were killed a day earlier when a man appeared to douse flammable liquid through the Kyoto Animation Co. studio and set it alight, triggering an inferno, officials said. Some 36 others were injured, about 10 critically.</p> <p>The blaze at the production house struck at a pillar of Japan’s anime industry, an obsession in the country and a cherished cultural export. Kyoto Animation, known as KyoAni, had produced hits such as "Lucky Star, " "K-On!" and "Haruhi Suzumiya, " winning worldwide acclaim for its skilled drawings.</p> <p>Outside the charred shell of the company’s workspace in Kyoto’s outskirts on Friday, crowds of well-wishers left flowers and messages of support for the victims. Many bowed, or knelt down and prayed as they offered their respects.</p> <p>The suspect, Shinji Aoba, aged 41, remained in the hospital after suffering burns all over his body. A woman who saw police detain the man a day earlier told reporters that he "seemed to be discontented, he seemed to get angry, shouting something about how he had been plagiarized, " according to Reuters.</p> <p>Hideaki Hatta, a co-founder and president of Kyoto Animation, said Thursday that the studio had been receiving threats, including emails threatening murder. He said the attack had "broken our hearts."</p>
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