

Impact of nuclear plant accident still strong, Japan

And this all for a non-nuclear accident.

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Japan – The emotional wounds inflicted by the steam blowout that killed five workers and injured six others at the Mihama Nuclear Power Plant in Mihamacho, Fukui Prefecture, have not healed in the community and are set to haunt it for some time.

All those who were killed in the accident were employees of Kiuchi Keisoku, an inspection firm in Osaka. About 140 workers have since sought advice at the medical clinic at the Mihamamacho power plant, complaining of insomnia, exhaustion and loss of appetite.

The accident is expected to cost Kansai Electric Power Co. more than 10 billion yen.

"I often dream about a colleague who died in the accident, but I wake up when I remember he is dead," said a male employee at the Wakasa branch of Kiuchi Keisoku in Obama, Fukui Prefecture.