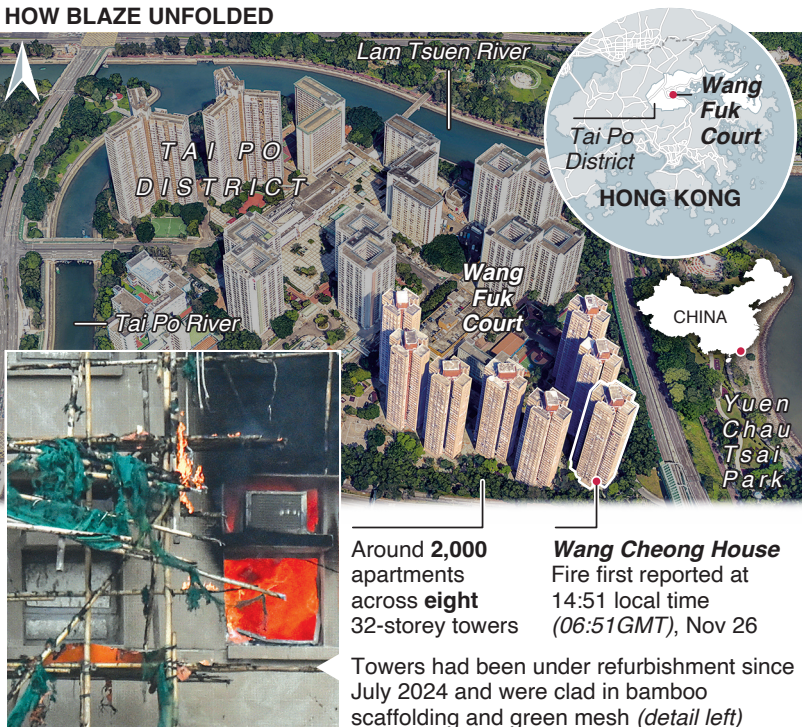


Scores dead after Hong Kong inferno

Police are blaming a construction firm, carrying out renovations, for a huge fire that engulfed seven high-rise apartment blocks in Hong Kong, leaving more than 60 dead and 300 missing

HOW BLAZE UNFOLDED



Around **2,000** apartments across **eight** 32-storey towers

Wang Cheong House
Fire first reported at 14:51 local time (06:51 GMT), Nov 26

Towers had been under refurbishment since July 2024 and were clad in bamboo scaffolding and green mesh (*detail left*)

RECRIMINATIONS BEGIN

■ Authorities say highly flammable **styrofoam** used in renovation work caused fire to spread

■ Anti-corruption probe launched into repair works that were costing **\$40 million**

■ Three people from contractors behind renovations have been arrested