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On or about 25 December 1951, a quantity of acetylene exploded in the Georgi Dimitrov Locomotive Works located immediately north of the Sofia Central Railway Station. The explosion caused the death of 28 workmen and considerable damage to the plant. The authorities immediately suspected sabotage, and security personnel began investigating.

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