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## **Chornobyl among world's ten most polluted places**

Chornobyl is among the world's ten most polluted places. Together with Chornobyl the list also includes the Russian cities of Norilsk and Dzerzhinsk, Nizhny Novgorod region.

The list was presented by independent environmental organization Green Cross Switzerland in cooperation with the US-based Blacksmith Institute, according to BBC.

"Apart from two Russian cities the list also includes Ukrainian Chornobyl, as well as cities, rivers and geographical areas in another six countries: Argentina, Bangladesh, Ghana, Indonesia and Nigeria," the statement reads, Ukrinform informed.

Green Cross Switzerland in its description said Chornobyl is internationally recognized as one of the worst nuclear disasters mankind has ever seen.

The paper found that the most dangerous sites are those where a large number of people are directly exposed to pollutants, which are transmitted through the air and food.

The area of the Japanese nuclear power plant Fukushima, the accident at which was attributed to the largest according to the International Nuclear Event Scale, is not included into the ten most polluted places on the planet.