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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

a situation or place in which violence or anger starts and cannot be controlled

- Tension in the city is rapidly reaching flashpoint.
- · potential flashpoints in the south of the country

flashpoint

noun countable, uncountable

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

flash point /'flæ[pɔɪnt/ BrE * AmE * noun [countable]

- 1. a place where trouble or violence might easily develop suddenly and be hard to control:
 - Hebron has been a flashpoint for years.
- 2. [usually singular] *technical* the lowest temperature at which a liquid such as oil will produce enough gas to burn if a flame is put near it

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