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on Gulf oil rig

"All 13 are accounted for and they are all wearing some sort of an immersion suit that protects them from the water," officer John Edwards told MSNBC.

was not immediately clear.

The blast comes more than four





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Explosion of Mexico

An explosion ripped through an oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico yesterday dumping 13 people in the water, one of whom was injured, the US Coast Guard said.

Nine helicopters had been dispatched to the rig 80 miles (130 kilometers) south of Vermilion Bay in Louisiana, the spokesman said, adding the extent of any injuries suffered by the workers

Four Coast Guard cutters were also en route to the rig, said to be owned by Mariner Energy, and which was reportedly still ablaze.

"Right now we're focused on search and rescue and then, ultimately, as this thing progresses we're going to be looking into the cause," Edwards added.

months after an explosion ripped through the BP-leased Deepwater Horizon rig, some 50 miles (80 kilometers) off Louisiana, killing 11 workers and unleashing an environmental catastrophe.







'Dixit Maria' - A Concert of Sacred Music

Renaissance German and Portuguese



Perosi Choir was established in 1997, aiming to promote the art of choral singing, to cultivate interest in music and enhance Macau music culture.

behind the Dom Pedro V Theatre.

The choir has not only held annual concerts since it was established but has also been to Hong Kong and mainland China for performances and promotion of Macao local choral compositions on many occasions. The Choir has also been a frequent guest-performer in major functions at the invitation of the Macao SAR Government.

In 2004, Perosi Choir established a small chorus group, which sings cappella works and has since performed in several concerts and functions. This group is going to give the major performance in Sunday's concert. Led by their conductor, João Ng, the small chorus group will perform a series of German and Portuguese hymns from the Renaissance. The highlight of the concert will be Dixit Maria, a motet by Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612), one of the most influential German composers of the time, and Missa Dixit Maria, his work of Parody Mass composed after Dixit Maria.

The olden Church of St. Joseph's Seminary where the concert is being held is one of the famous world heritage sites of Macao SAR. It serves the purpose of the organisers of capturing the attention of audience, residents and tourists, to local historical architecture while enjoying the concert.

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