

Officials removed after fatal road accident in China

Three officials have been removed from their posts after a road accident in central China's Hunan Province Monday killed 12 people, local authorities said Tuesday.

A truck owned by a landscaping company overturned at about 5:50 p.m. Monday as it was transporting workers after they finished their tree planting work in Chenzhou City, the city's publicity department said.

Another 19 were injured and receiving treatment.

According to the department, Zhou Yong, deputy head of the city's Suxian District, who oversees the district's forestry work, has been removed from office on Tuesday night. The director and chief engineer of the district's forestry bureau were also removed from their posts.

The investigation continues.