<u>Over 100 trains suspended over</u> <u>downpour in C. China</u>

Over 100 trains have been suspended after heavy rain flooded a tunnel on a key railway line through central China, according to railway authorities.

Water flowed into Liuyanghe Tunnel along the high speed railway between Beijing and Guangzhou early Thursday. The tunnel has been closed and maintenance crews are using equipment to pump out the water, Guangzhou Railway (Group) Corporation said.

Trains that pass through Hunan and Hubei provinces have been affected. As of 10 a.m. Thursday, 104 trains had been suspended.

Railway authorities have reminded passengers to stay up to date with information regarding the suspension.

In Hunan, heavy rain since on June 22 has killed 27 people with 8 still missing.