

Inspection teams dispatched to check on migrant workers' wages



Premier Li Keqiang asks locals if any migrant workers did not get their pay on Jan 23 during a visit to Ludian county in Southwest China's Yunnan province. [Photo provided to chinadaily.com.cn]

The State Council has sent teams to inspect why some migrant workers are experiencing delays in wage payment, according to a news release on Monday night.

Inspections will focus on the construction sector, especially those involved in government-invested projects, and urge full payment for migrant workers each month.

Malicious delays will be investigated and punished while channels for migrant workers' complaints should be opened, such as portal websites and the "12333" hotline.

These teams also will check out the progress of establishing a long-term mechanism to comprehensively tackle delayed wages, with a focus on establishing a blacklist of violators with full public disclosure.

Provincial-level governments are required to take full charge while city and county governments carry out specific measures to ensure punctual payments for migrant workers.

The government should put forward a long-term solution to protect the rights of migrant workers and ensure they are paid on time, Premier Li Keqiang told

a State Council executive meeting on Feb 3. It's a significant part of the government's proactive employment policy, he added.

Wage delays have often been burdening China's 280 million migrant workers who travel from rural areas to cities for better-paid opportunities.

In late January, a 47-year-old farmer Gan Yongrong complained about wage delays to the premier during his visit to Ludian county in Southwest China's Yunnan province. Gan's earned wages of 50,000 yuan (\$7,352) had been delayed for two years.

"This is the responsibility of companies and the government. Legal rights of migrant workers must be protected," the premier told local officials on site.

[Eight dead, three missing in C.China coal mine blast](#)



Photo taken on Feb. 14, 2017 shows the scene where a blast hit a coal mine in central China's Hunan province. [Photo: Xinhua]

Eight people have been confirmed dead and three are missing after a blast hit a coal mine in central China's Hunan province on Tuesday.

The incident occurred at 1.37 am at the Zubao mine in Lianyuan, located 190 kilometres from the province capital Changsha, local authorities said.

A total of 29 people were working underground when the incident took place,

with 18 people rescued, according to a statement from China's national safety regulator, the State Administration of Work Safety.

One person is injured and three people remained unaccounted for, Yang Guangrong the vice governor of Hunan who headed the rescue work said.

The cause of the blast has not been identified but the site is considered a "high gas mine".

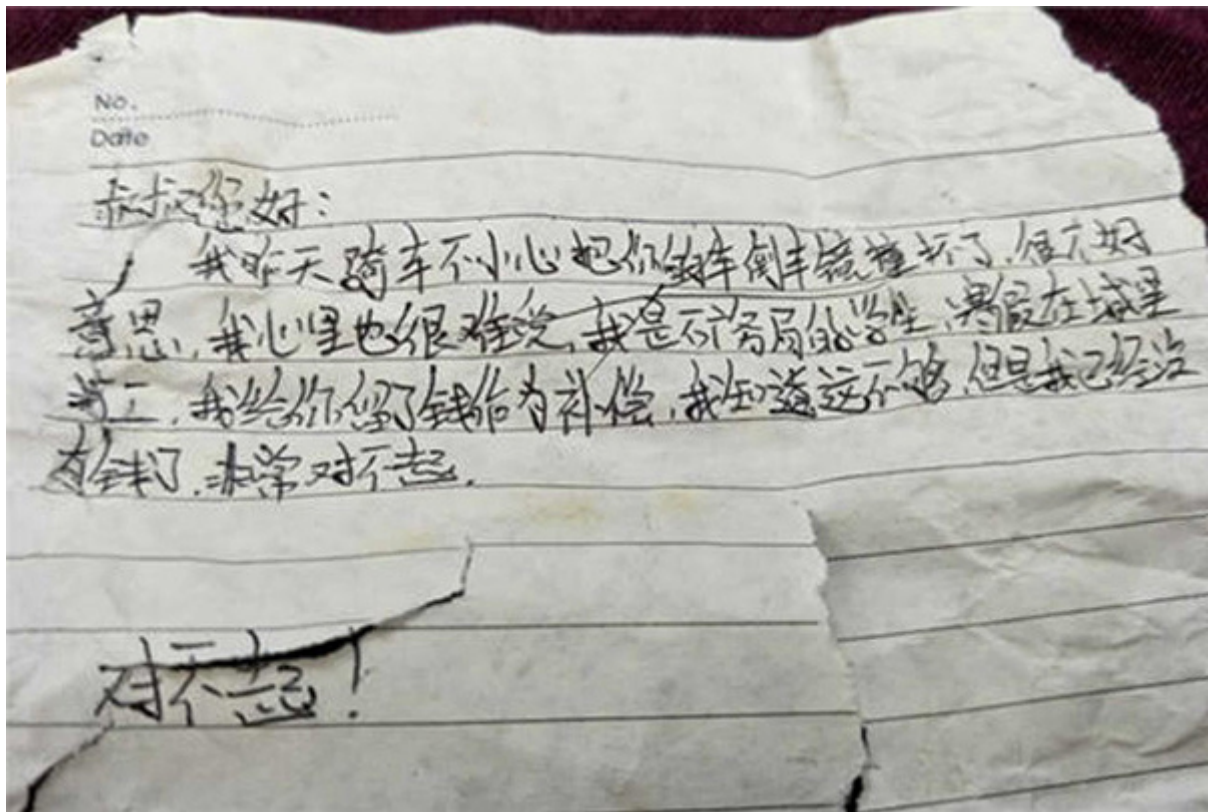
The mine is owned by Tengfei Coal Mine Co. Ltd in Doulishan township in Lianyuan.

Honest boy who admits damaging car rewarded by owner



Chen Yifan [Photo: dahe.cn]

A student left an apology letter and 311 yuan (US\$45) to the owner of a car that the boy hit accidentally with his electric scooter. The owner of the car, who was not there when his car was damaged, was so impressed by the student's honesty that he has donated 10,000 yuan to go toward that student's future tuition, reported dahe.com on Sunday.



The apology letter left by Chen Yifan [Photo: dahe.cn]

Teenager Chen Yifan is a student from Xinmi city, Henan province. At the beginning of February, he accidentally hit a BMW car while he was riding an electric scooter.



The money left by Chen Yifan as compensation for damaging the car [Photo: dahe.cn]

Chen's letter to the driver contained an apology for the damage done to the car, and explained that the money he was leaving was all that he had, as he was a student and his only income was from a part-time job.



The car owner and the car that was damaged by the electric scooter [Photo: dahe.cn]

After finding the apology letter, Xue Zhanmin, the car's owner, said he found no need to blame the boy for the accident. "The boy is honest and kind as he took the responsibility and made the compensation. We should praise such behavior," said Xue.

Xue Zhanmin contacted the boy's family with the help of local police on February 11. He gave the money back to the boy and offered to financially help the boy finish his studies. The boy's mother learned of the incident and offered to make the full compensation, which was 13,000 yuan but this was refused by Xue.

On Sunday, Xue sent 10,000 yuan as a donation to cover the boy's tuition fees. Chen Yifan expressed gratitude but refused the money. After persuasion from the local police and staff members, Chen's family finally accepted this donation that is full of love and care.

Shri Shaktikanta Das, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs inaugurates New IMF Training and Technical Assistance Center (SARTTAC) in Delhi for Economic Capacity Building in South Asia

Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, Shri Shaktikanta Das said that IMF's South Asia Training and Technical Assistance Center (SARTTAC) is a pioneering initiative of the Government of India and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). He said that this is the IMF's First Fully Integrated Capacity Development Center, which brings together under one roof the two building blocks of capacity development –training and technical assistance. Shri Das was delivering the Inaugural Address after inaugurating the

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The international crude oil price of Indian Basket as computed/published today by Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas was US\$ 54.87 per barrel (bbl) on 13.02.2017. This was higher than the price of US\$ 54.66 per bbl on previous publishing day of 10.02.2017.