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Labour News

- **Protests and labour struggles**

Hundreds of former bank employees protest over redundancies

More

than 200 laid-off employees from the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) staged a sit-in protest in central Beijing this week, demanding their jobs back and protesting against the inadequate redundancy compensation they received. Most of those protesting had been laid off by the bank, China's largest lender, four years ago. [\[Read More\]](#)

Rural migrant worker sets himself on fire on Tiananmen Square

A rural migrant worker set himself on fire on Tiananmen Square in Beijing on 20 July reportedly due to unpaid wages. [\[Read More\]](#)

- **Industrial accidents**

Update : 53 killed in Shanxi coal mine

A

total of 53 miners died after an explosion occurred at a coal mine in Shanxi province, as rescue work ended four days after the accident. [\[Read More\]](#)

63 killed and 26 trapped in three separate coal mine accidents

Sixty-three people were killed and 26 others were trapped in three separate coal mine accidents on 15 July. [\[Read More\]](#)

- **Occupational health and safety**

Occupational illnesses and injuries cost China 100 billion yuan per year, official warns

The

cost of occupational illnesses and work-related injuries has soared to 100 billion yuan (US\$12.5 billion) in direct losses every year, underscoring the risk to workers' health in modern China, a senior health official warned recently. [\[Read More\]](#)

- **Migrant workers' children**

Village children missing, believed kidnapped climbs to 20

Three

children aged seven to eight years old disappeared from a village near Dongguan City in Guangdong province in recent weeks, bringing the number of missing children from Dongguan to 20 in less than a year. [[Read More](#)]