

Landslide kills seven in China

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YICHANG, China -- Rescuers searched for victims Wednesday following an explosion and landslide that killed seven workers at a quarry in central China's Hubei Province.

The accident occurred Tuesday evening when the workers were setting off explosives at the Diaoxiyan Quarry, a local government spokesman told China's Xinhua news agency.

The news agency reported at least 50 rescue workers searched throughout the night for three of the victims still missing and feared dead in the landslide.

"Rescuers used life detectors but found nothing," said Li Hong, a local government official.

Li said overnight rain and rolling rocks made rescue work very difficult. In addition, the explosion cut off mobile communications for several hours.

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