

Rescuers save 14 trapped miners

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BEIJING -- All 14 coal mine workers, who were trapped when their east China mine shaft flooded, were rescued Friday, a report said. A local official in east Jiangxi Province, where the state-owned Zhaiyi colliery is located, said rescuers entered the shaft Friday morning and by noon had brought out all the trapped miners, China Daily reported. There were 15 miners underground when the facility flooded early Thursday morning but one managed to escape, while the rest couldn't. The mine has an annual output of 30,000 tons. Recent mine accidents in the region have killed eight people, the report said. Provincial authorities ordered all coal mines in the region to halt operation until safety examinations have been completed, China Daily said. In another major mining accident last month in central China, 69 miners were trapped after it was flooded during heavy rains. They were all rescued three days later after a massive effort that included supplying them with milk through ventilation pipes.

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