

China Gold Mine Fire Kills 14, 300 Rescued: Report

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An initial investigation showed the fire was likely caused by an underground cable. Police had detained the mine owner, it added.

China is frequently hit by mine disasters, mostly in coal mines, which kill hundreds of people every year.

The government has tried to improve safety, but efforts have been hampered by the widespread ignoring of rules in the rush to extract natural resources to feed China's booming economy.

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