



Coal-Mine Fire Kills 26 in Northeast China's Liaoning Prov.

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A coal-mine fire today killed 26 people and injured 50 in northeastern [China](#)'s Liaoning province, Xinhua News Agency reported.

Of the injured, 30 are in serious condition and four have life-threatening injuries, the official news service said, citing Liaoning Fuxin Coal Corp.'s hospital. The accident occurred at a mine run by Fuxin unit Hengda Coal, Xinhua said.

China, the world's biggest coal producer, has one of the worst mine-safety records because old pits have been kept open to meet demand for the fuel. A gas blast at a separate mine owned by Fuxin killed more than 200 people in 2005, [according](#) to the State Administration of Work Safety.

More than a thousand people died in China from coal-mine accidents last year and the country plans to close as many as 2,000 sites by the end of 2015 for safety reasons, according to the authority. In the [U.S.](#), the world's second-largest producer of the commodity, 20 people died from coal mining accidents last year, according to government figures.

Fuxin Coal, founded in 1949, has 10 producing mines with approved capacity of 9.65 million metric tons, data from [Ecoal China](#) show.

Local government officials are investigating whether the Liaoning blast is related to an earthquake in the region prior to the accident, Xinhua said.

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