

## **Heavy Rain Leads to Fatal Crisis of Mines in Southwest China**

Days of heavy rain caused inundation that trapped 23 miners at Niupeng in Guizhou province. The heavy rain was reported to have possibly led to a rise of level in underground rivers around the mines, causing floods that trapped over 20 miners. And more than 1,000 rescuers were involved in relieving the workers.

Meanwhile in Guangxi, the earth saturated by rain collapsed into a shaft and killed three miners. 19 workers were trapped at a depth of 390 meters and awaited rescue while high concentration of gas ruled out the possibility of digging out the victims by machine. According to the rescue commander, the team was endeavoring with only shovels and rail track cars.