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**February 2014**

India

**Lahore factory worker killed in boiler explosion**

A boiler explosion at a cardboard manufacturing factory in Baghbanpura, Lahore, has killed a 22-year old production worker and left 3 others with multiple injuries. 10th February 2014

USA

**Body found in South African aircraft landing gear**

The dead body of a stowaway was found in the centre gear wheel well section of a South African Airways plane when it landed in Washington Dulles International Airport, Virginia, the flight had left Johannesburg for Washington with a stopover in Dakar, Senegal. 17th February 2014

England

**Workers injured in inspection pit**

Two workers in an inspection pit at Imperial Tankers on Preston Farm Industrial Estate, Stockton-on-Tees, were injured yesterday when they were struck by lifting equipment. They were transferred to the James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough, their condition was unknown. 13th February 2014

USA

**Cleaner dies in 4-storey fall down lift shaft**

A 37-year old cleaning contractor from Alabama died in a 4-storey fall down a lift shaft at the Kosmos Cement Plant on Dixie Highway in Louisville, Kentucky, after apparently opening the lift door and losing his balance. 24th February 2014

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**Accidents and Fatalities Involving Mines, Quarries, Pits, and Tunnels.  
Includes Non-Confined Space Incidents**

**Fatal accident at Utah ore mine**

A 56-year old miner died in an accident involving a conveyor belt system at the Comstock/Mountain Lion iron ore mine south of the Escalante Desert in the southwest of Utah. 4th February 2014

New Zealand

**Waikato quarry fatality**

A worker was killed in an accident on Monday at Matatoki Quarry near Kopu, Waikato, it is believed that he was struck by a lorry. 4th February 2014

South Africa

**Workers rescued, some missing after rock fall at gold mine**

Rescuers strove yesterday to reach 9 miners missing following a fall of ground and fire 1,700 metres underground at the Doornkop mine of Harmony Gold west of Johannesburg. Eight miners were rescued after reaching a refuge bay stocked with oxygen and water. 6th February 2014

Colombia

**5 killed in accident at Narino gold mine**

Five miners died and 10 others were injured in a fall of ground accident at a gold mine in Sanabria, Narino. The area has seen exceptionally heavy rains recently and access through the wooded terrain outside Santa Barbara de Iscuande has also added to the rescuers' difficulties. During the first 9 months of 2013, 66 mine accidents were reported, involving 71 fatalities and 51 injuries. Colombia is reckoned to have 14,357 gold mines of which 56% lack authorisation. 17th February 2014

Canada

**Fall of ground accident at potash mine**

A 31-year old worker was killed in a fall of ground accident when ore fell at the Cory potash mine of PotashCorp west of Saskatoon, another worker was hospitalised, his condition was not listed as serious. 18th February 2014

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Australia

**Gold miner killed in rock fall**

A rock fall led to the death of a 59-year old worker at the Harlequin mine of Norseman Gold, 125 miles south of Kalgoorlie. 18th February 2014

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