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June 2013

Peru

Pacasmayo worker killed in fall into rice harvester

A 56-year old agricultural worker died of multiple injuries after falling into the roller blades of a rice harvester after losing his balance and falling from the top of the harvester as he was making an adjustment to the hopper in fields at Talla in Guadalupe, Pacasmayo province. 5th June 2013

Panama

Confined space fatality

One of the 2 workers who were injured in an oxygen-deficient atmosphere in an oil tanker died at the weekend, the 54-year old worker had fallen in during cleaning work on the outside, his 24-year old colleague attempted to rescue him, the latter remains in intensive care in Santo Tomas Hospital. 10th June 2013

USA

Mechanic killed in lift shaft accident

A 63-year old lift mechanic of Schindler Elevator Corporation was killed in an accident yesterday at a new sports stadium construction site in Santa Clara, San Francisco, where he was found dead in the shaft. Initial speculation suggests that he was on a ladder in the shaft when he was struck by a counterweight carried by cable to balance the lift cab's weight. 12th June 2013

Germany

Worker severely injured in vacuum press

A 59-year old worker was listed in critical condition last night in hospital after becoming caught in an industrial press at premises in Kranchenwies, southwest Germany. 14th June 2013

USA

Food factory worker's arm severed in conveyor

A food manufacturing worker was listed in critical condition in hospital in Wichita after his lower arm was severed at the elbow when it was caught in a conveyor system at Tyson Foods in Hutchison. 19th June 2013

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The Netherlands

Triple fatality in confined space accident on farm

Three Friesland farm workers died in a confined space accident on Wednesday after falling into a manure pit at a farm in Makkinga, a 4th worker was taken to hospital in Groningen in critical condition. It is speculated that 1 of the workers had succumbed in an oxygen-deficient atmosphere and the others had gone to the rescue of their stricken colleague. 20th June 2013

USA

Crush fatality at Pepsi plant

A worker was killed in an accident at the Pepsi-Cola bottling plant in St Louis after becoming trapped in a packing unit machine. 24th June 2013

Indonesia

4 dead, 5 injured in toxic gas accident at North Jakarta water treatment plant

Four workers have died and 5 are listed in critical condition in Cipto Mangunkusumo Hospital in Jakarta following an accident during maintenance work at a water treatment plant in the Ancol Dreamland(Taman Impian Jaya Ancol) resort on Jakarta's waterfront. It was initially unclear whether a gas leak had occurred or if it was a confined space accident. 21st June 2013