

DISASTER UPDATE

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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

International

Ten injured in explosion in Kathmandu

Kathmandu - At least ten people were injured, when a bomb went off at a busy vegetable market in Bara district headquarters, Kalaiya. The explosion occurred at around 6 pm Saturday. Among those injured, two are in a critical condition. The rest are being treated at the district hospital. (Press Trust of India, Source: **The Hindustan Times**)

33 killed in coal mine accident, shipyard blast

Beijing - At least 33 people, including 28 mine workers, were killed when an electric cable caught fire inside a coal shaft and an explosion rocked a shipyard in two separate incidents in China's northwest and east. The underground cable caught fire at 8:10 pm local time at Xiaonangou coal mine at Sangshuping Township of Hancheng City. All the 28 people working in the mine in northwest China's Shaanxi province were killed in the accident. Rescuers retrieved remains of five miners.

In another incident, five workers were killed in an explosion at a shipyard in east China's Jiangxi Province. One worker was missing. The accident happened around 2:10 am at the Tongfang Jiangxin Shipbuilding Co. shipyard in Hukou County. The accident victims were workers from Jingcheng Industrial Co, a subcontractor that paints and decorates ships. (Press Trust Of India, Source: **The Hindustan Times**)

Athens wildfires burn forest, threaten homes





People carry buckets of water as they try to put out a forest fire in Kapandriti village, a few miles northeast of Athens, July 17 2010. Wildfires broke out around Athens on Saturday, threatening homes and forcing the evacuation of a nunnery and a children's camp.

ATHENS - Dozens of wildfires broke out in Greece on Saturday, threatening homes and forcing the evacuation of a nunnery and a children's camp near Athens. Fanned by strong winds, 45 fires raged across the country, burning large swathes of vegetation but causing little damage to property. Seven fires flared up around Athens, sending thick clouds of smoke over the capital, the first serious wildfires to occur near the city this summer. The flames wiped out forest left unharmed by a major blaze last year, which destroyed scores of homes and thousands of acres of vegetation. More than 150 firefighters, 32 engines, six airplanes and four helicopters were battling to put out the flames. (Source: **Reuters**)