

River in China turns red

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The Jian River flows red after being polluted with dye from an illegal workshop.

STORY HIGHLIGHTS

- The red sheen on the river lasted for nearly two days
- Officials said the cause was an illegal workshop dumping red dye into the river
- Lab result show that despite color, the water did not have poisonous elements

Beijing (CNN) -- Earlier this week, the Jian River that runs through the city of Luoyang, Henan province in northern China, turned bloody red.

Local media started receiving panicky phone calls from citizens on Tuesday morning saying that the water of the Jian River near their neighborhood has become blood-like overnight.

The eerie sheen on the river lasted for nearly two days before local government officials managed to track down the source of pollutant: an illegal workshop dumping red dye into the city's storm pipe network connecting the river.

Luoyang Municipal Environmental Protection Bureau cut off the workshop's power supply immediately and conducted a thorough examination, state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

Workers said on December 12 they had been rinsing a batch of red plastic bags for recycle but did not expect the consequences, Xinhua said.

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The bags then were further traced back to nearby Mengjin County to a small chemical plant. The plant was accused of illegally producing red dye for firework wrappers preparing for the upcoming Chinese New Year.

Lab results from the Environmental Protection Bureau showed that despite the gruesome color, the "bloody water" contained no heavy metal or organic, poisonous elements.

The river has turned back to normal color on Thursday night, according to the Xinhua report.

But Luoyang residents said the Jian River changes color often because of the various pollutants and domestic garbage being dumped in or along the river. Some said they say it turn dark green in the past.

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China's environmental catastrophe today is what the West experienced in our own industrial revolution. If the Republicans are allowed to molest the EPA and other regulations that protect society against the excesses of the powerful, America will once again become like China in environmental abuse and worker abuse.

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 It's a self-correcting problem. Eventually the environmental damage becomes so widespread that even the wealthy start having health problems. THEN, amazingly, everyone starts favoring environmental protection again. It's amazing how the wealthy and powerful have to continually re-learn even the most basic lessons of history, which ironically they receive as children in school and apparently ignore.

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pragmatist81 → pragmatist81 • 11 months ago
 @reticular The problem is the wealthy either fail to learn, or learn too slowly for their own good. Let's look at another area: inequality. Inequality destabilizes society, always. Whenever any country acquires too much inequality, and becomes teeming with poor and downtrodden people who have nothing to lose, the end result always bodes ill for the ruling class. History is replete with examples from France to Russia to China. Yet, modern America has failed again at the lesson of history. The failure to deal with rampant inequality and poverty, and the failure to even empathize with those who have become the downtrodden through no fault of their own, will eventually doom the American system, as it has doomed others.

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 I know wealthy people. Their attitude is they can move elsewhere and don't have to live in unhealthy places. Your premise is wrong, reticular.

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 Looks like Moses is up to his old tricks.

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 boycotted "made in China"? That means you will not buy most items from Dell, Apple, Samsung, HP, Canon, Sony, Fujitsu, HTC, GE, Emerson and a dozen not so well known new brands. Also not from most items from Dolce & Gabbana, Prada, Armani and Bally. Not to mentioned you can not buy most from Walmart, Costco, and half of things from Sears, J C Penny. Also most of American Flags too. If you don't want to deal with China. Repay all your treasury bonds that were sold to China first.

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 There is an internet paper published by Berkeley people on Apple i-Phone value chain. Apple makes 38% profit margin from i-Phone. Chinese manufacture makes less than 0.2%. Chinese wages is 1.8% of total cost. The argument is: who is to blame for outsourcing? Chinese manufacturer, who is on the verge of loss? Chinese workers who make \$200 per month? The late Steve Jobs who shipped 100% of Apple manufacturing to China? Obama, who had nothing to do with Apple outsourcing which started 10 years ago? I think it is Apple Shareholders, who want to maximize the profits, and American consumers who want an I-Phone at this price. Apple now has US\$81 billion cash, more than Washington which is on the verge of bankruptcy. IF the same i-Phone is assembled in California, consumer has

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to pay double the price and Apple would not have the US\$81 billion. You and I would not line up overnight before Apple Store for an i-Phone. So at the end, it is Apples shareholders and I-Phone consumers, including Americans, who are responsible for outsourcing.

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If the prices are right.... which is quite a caveat. The free market isn't really free. You do have freedom to choose among the given choices, but you don't choose your choices. Your choices are constrained by lots of factors outside of your control

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This is a free market. Any free consumers can buy whatever they want, if the prices are right.

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That's the Mississippi after Republicans take control of the White House and Congress.

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This will be nothing compared to what will happen in the USA if the GOP gets their way and eliminates the EPA. My Reput governor even tried to eliminate recycling services earlier this year... unbelievable.

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Without the EPA there aren't laws for the judicial system to uphold, fatboybig. You have the cart in front of the horse.

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BS... EPA is a scam. There are better methods to control polluters. Its called the judiciary system.

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poulose · 11 months ago

This water will be coming soon to a Wall Mart next you as red wine imported from China.

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LionOfNarnia → poulose · 11 months ago

No matter, it's a good idea to boycott Walmart. They are one of the main reasons companies had to go to China for labor because Walmart would have put them out of business.

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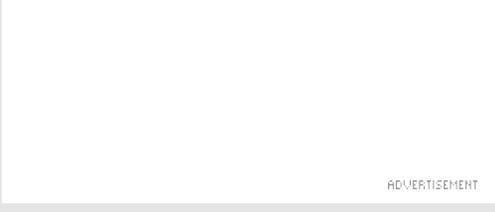
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"Wall Mart" huh, you aren't from here are ya?

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It is amazing how Republicans are racing to take us in the path of China in terms of environment and labor standards. If they win elections next year, we should know even God's blessings can't save us.

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NoTarOnBeach → LogM • 11 months ago

Totally agree. When a candidate wants to get rid of the EPA, that is pretty much giving the USA to corporations. States will then be in a race to the bottom. I can see it now " If you move to our state you can dump your waste right in the river, no limits"

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Weldon1 → LogM • 11 months ago

China accomplishments are oft brought as fine examples for America by our Pres.

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Next week it will be sold in USA under Fiji water with strawberry flavor.

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Sixty percent of the money from Chinese imports into the U.S. is from subsidiaries of U.S. corporations. If there were a country on this planet that was openly murdering and eating babies, but their labor was cheap, U.S. corporations would still outsource jobs that Americans need more than ever to that country.

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marcgunn → Voltairine • 11 months ago

i wonder if we should deal with countries that openly invade other countries, use helicopter gunships and murder Reuter journalists and lie about it...

oh wait, that's us, nevermind.

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@cnn-1ed8ff90dc7a7a4d642712c88c:disqus No nevermind needed ... I AGREE!! /applause

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justsuz • 11 months ago

After the weather we saw in 2011, not to mention the many geological events that seem to be indicating the earth is moving into a more geologically active period, I think we need to be more concerned about what business people are doing to the environment. We are not yet as bad as some of the stuff you see in China, but let the GOP get total rule and the business guys will have it their way. They are fracking now in Wyoming and it appears the process may be contaminating the ground water. Not to mention that fracking causes earthquakes, and doing this right next to Yellowstone, home of the largest super volcano in the world, makes me more than a little nervous.

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sv • 11 months ago

We try to avoid consuming food products from china, they are just not safe.

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CantBlockMe0 • 11 months ago

"Some said they say it turn dark green in the past."

Derpty, derp derp! I write for CNN!!! DURRRRRRRR!!!! DURRRRRR!!!!!!

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Care4u2 • 11 months ago

I suppose everyone should care, this is the country no one in any market economy can avoid anymore. We are all part of this, like it or not. Very different cultures and history makes us different. What we need is some common rules to apply to because we will continue to be different for a very long time.

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bullet1 • 11 months ago

No big deal, it's Red China.

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MNRob • 11 months ago

Hey I have a great idea, lets relax environmental regulations on all the businesses in the U.S. to promote jobs!! The EPA is an organization that just gets in the way of progress....this is how Republicans think. Above is a modern day story of what happens when enforcement is weak. The U.S. has plenty of stories of companies breaking the law with pollutants. For instance for 10 yrs in my state of MN the Koch refinery had storage tanks whose bottoms had begun to leak and travel under ground to the Mississippi River. For 15 yrs the State EPA fined them and they did nothing by appealing the rulings over and over. eventually they had to clean it up and got most of the 13 million dollar fine reduced. We have an EPA the GOP want to remove the teeth so companies like Koch in my state can do what ever they want and make America the new China!!!

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Countries that claim the moral high ground here can do so only because much of their manufacturing has been farmed out to developing countries that can do it for less. They do it for less because their overhead does not include environmental concerns, labor laws or high wages.

They nod and smile to one another about how much money they are saving, and in the next breath condemn these same countries for lax regulation.

When these other countries become prosperous enough to worry about such things, where will they dumb their dirty jobs? Answer: On any economy sufficiently impoverished to want them.

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LionOfNarnia → chemicalbank • 11 months ago

Either china is sovereign and responsible for its environment, or it should not be considered a sovereign country.

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We can claim the moral highground because we have regulations that prevent this sort of thing.

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nocon • 11 months ago

For some Republican extremists , China is kind of example we should follow to

achieve fast economic growth, with total neglect of environmental regulations and slave labor. This is what happens... I have heard many first-hand stories like this what kind of dump China is becoming.

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@blucorsair: Or perhaps the Republican-created TSA & Homeland Security are more like Brown-shirted Nazis. If the terrorists prevent me from being poisoned so the 1% can make an extra dollar, I'll become a terrorist.

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nocon; A bad apple or two doesn't make everybody a culprit! In rebuttal, one could say that the Democrats beloved EPA is nothing more than a terrorist organization that has cost americans billions at the pump by preventing drilling (the Gulf, east coast, Anwar etc.), exploration and stopping the more recent pipeline from Canada.

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Disregard.

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Talks from Capitol Hill is far more polluted than this river.

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"Talks is"? Go back to grade school.

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China's PR Representative: "This is not pollution! It is red to symbolize the glory of communism! All hail great leader!"

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That's ok. We'll be turning our rivers green in a few months.

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China has an Environmental Protection Bureau? Two of the top ten most polluted places on Earth are in China (Time Magazine). Yes, they are a super power, but their rampant environmental abuse will be the end of them.

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It seems that ten years ago, four out ten most polluted are in china

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 That's alot of dye. When these guys pollute, they really pollute! Oh well, keep growing and poisoning yourselves.

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That's gods way of shouting out to their society 'pay attention and stop running over your kids"

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That was just from the Jell-O factory upstream. Or the "One Child" abortion clinic.

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Oh goodness, that ruined my day to read that.

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This is a small sample of what U.S. big business supports by sending jobs to China in order to make more profit because the labor there, and the people in general, just accept whatever big business and the government do to them.

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What does their sovereign status have to do with anything I stated? O.o

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