

《又因雾霾航班大面积取消 北京医院呼吸困难儿童增多》

导读:北方最强雾霾来袭!北京启动雾霾红色预警。因雾霾航班大面积取消,周一北京医院现大量呼吸问题儿童。



A smog-shrouded Chinese city canceled airline flights Sunday due to poor visibility and parents took children to hospitals on the second day of a pollution alert across the country's north.

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The official Xinhua News Agency said 35 flights in Tianjin, east of Beijing, were delayed or canceled. Highways were closed "due to extremely low visibility."

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Beijing and 22 other Chinese cities imposed emergency measures Saturday, including ordering cars off the road and telling factories and schools to close, after pollution soared to more than 10 times safe levels.

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On Sunday, news website said the number of children being taken to Beijing hospitals with breathing trouble

soared.

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Chinese cities are notorious for noxious air blamed on emissions from older cars and trucks, coal-fired power plants and factories.

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Members of the public closely watch levels of PM2.5, particles measuring 2.5 microns across that are easily inhaled and damage lung tissue.

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The alert, this winter's first, lasts through Wednesday. The National Meteorological Center said pollution in a densely populated swath stretching from the country's northeast across Beijing to eastern China was likely to worsen on Monday.

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Visibility in some areas was as little as 1,000 meters (3,280 feet), according to the weather agency.

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Beijing and other cities have tried to improve air quality by switching power plants from coal to natural gas and rolling out fleets of electric buses and taxis.

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