

# TV series viewers worried after ban

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Chinese TV series fans are worrying they may have nothing interesting to watch on TV after the country's top broadcasting watchdog issued new guidelines that restrict the making of six genres of serials on the Chinese small screen.

The six guidelines issued by the State Administration of Film, Radio and Television ban remakes of foreign serials and serials based on online games. The guidelines also demand that revolution-themed TV series clearly distinguish between friend and foe, and that serials in a modern setting cut down excessive displays of family conflicts. Serials adapted from online novels are also "not encouraged".

The information was first released on a micro blog published by Zhongguo Juben Wang (the China Script Website), who said that the news was first heard at a national TV serial conference.

The information caused panic among scriptwriters, such as Lin Lisheng and his peers, who complained on Sina Weibo — a popular micro-blogging service — that they might lose their jobs.

An anonymous official from the administration confirmed the information to the Beijing News on Thursday, saying the new guidelines became effective a few days ago.

That same day, more than 900,000 micro-bloggers discussed the topic on weibo.

"I am shocked by the guidelines. So will we still have interesting TV serials to watch in the future?" said Xu Kai, a loyal fan of historical dramas.

The guidelines demand that historical dramas cut out fabrication and dramatization. But in Xu's opinion, as long as a historical drama, which is different from a documentary, gets the basic facts right, dramatized details are necessary because otherwise the

show will be boring to watch. The so-called clear distinction between friend and foe, she added, will also make shows uninteresting because it will stereotype all the characters.

Xu's views are supported by culture critic Tan Fei.

Tan said that the guidelines will prevent scriptwriters from fully applying their talent and creativity and pose a major challenge to the TV industry's "core values".

He predicted the guidelines will have a "huge impact" on the whole industry as its favorite subjects and major sources of inspiration will be wiped out.

But veteran TV serial director Wang Huiheng remained optimistic. He said that in the guidelines, only two genres of serials are strictly banned. For other genres, the administration uses vague terms such as "excessive" and "not encouraged". For him, that means there's room for negotiation and compromise.

"I don't think that it will have a huge influence. It doesn't mean we have all to give up our ongoing projects because they fit into the dangerous genres. We may just have to slightly adjust them," he said.

For Wang, the administration's purpose is not to wipe out those TV serial genres. At a time when the screen is replete with "slipshod and illogical productions that blindly follow market trends," he said, the guidelines are rather a method to "encourage original and better productions".

But he still worries that his work will be harder in the future. While the guidelines point out what the authorities don't like, he said, they don't provide a clear standard as to what kind of choices will be appreciated.

"I hope the administration will point us in a clear direction, like what genres of TV serials are safe choices. We can't keep guessing what it is they want us to film," he said.



## WORKERS RESCUED

PHOTO BY YAN YAN / XINHUA

A worker is rescued from a flooded coal mine in Hongtong county, Linfen, in Shanxi province, on Friday. A flooding accident occurred on Wednesday at a pit under construction in the Jianda Coal Mining Co of the Shanxi Luhe Coal Chemical Group. Four of the 12 trapped workers were rescued on Friday afternoon. The other eight were awaiting rescue.

## Unions help young working mothers

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The "Loving Mommy's Room" in a downtown office building has, for the first time in Shanghai, given young career women a place to resolve the conflicts they face between work and family.

A career woman can milk her baby in a private corner in the room, which is furnished with red couches and a white coffee table. A refrigerator stands against the wall, offering a sanitary storage place for breast milk, which the mother can take home.

Currently, only about 30 percent of newborns younger than 6 months old are breast-fed exclusively on the Chinese mainland, a recent survey of Ministry of Health showed.

Speaking on Wednesday — the first day of World Breast-feeding Week this year — senior ministry official Xu Xiaochao said the ministry will make a major effort to increase the rate to 50 percent by 2020, but success will require the cooperation of all stakeholders, including hospitals, families, and communities.

The room on the fourth floor of the Catic Building at 212 Jiangning Road of Jing'an

district is the first of its kind in Shanghai, according to Zhou Miao, a staff member of the Shanghai Women's Federation.

Catic was the first office building in Shanghai to open "the Women's Home" two years ago, said the federation.

"We have a laundry outlet shop, a fruits shop, and a cafeteria that can be used as a counseling room for women to deal with pressure and distress," Zhou said.

The "Loving Mommy's Room" is a room separated from screen doors in the cafeteria in the 28-story office building. "There are more than 1,000 women working in our building, and the room was created to satisfy the special needs of this large group," said Xiao Suhua, head of the workers' union of the building.

The Loving Mommy's Room provides a cozy milking corner for young mothers such as Wang Junjie, who works on the 12th floor. "Without the room, I would have been forced to do my milking in the bathroom," she said. "There is a foul smell, and the environment could hardly be described as hygienic."

A survey of women's status in the city from the Shanghai Women's Federation earlier this year showed that career women



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A refrigerator stands against the wall of the "Loving Mommy's Room" in a downtown office building in Shanghai, offering a sanitary storage place for breast milk, which the mother can take home.

are faced with conflicts between work and family, and were especially burdened with household chores.

The survey said that the majority of married women — 53 percent — do most or all of the housework such as cooking, doing the dishes, laundry, grocery shopping, and child care. Married women spend 10 to 30 more minutes working for their job and home every day than their male counterparts. Many

have to stop their career life and spend more than half a year without job income because of family obligations.

It will take more than women's-rights groups to promote the concept and introduce it to more buildings in town, said Xie Xi, director of the community branch of the women's federation.

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## No design defects found in electric taxi involved in Shenzhen crash

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A monthlong investigation found no design defects on the all-electric taxi involved in a fatal accident that caught fire and claimed three lives on May 26.

The report by a 13-member investigation team said that 25 percent of the 96 battery units in the taxi — an E6 all-electric car made by Shenzhen-based automaker BYD — burned in the accident but didn't explode.

"The car's battery system was appropriate in terms of installation and layout, insulation and the design of the high-voltage electricity system," Wu Zhixin, head of the investigation team, told reporters on Friday.

However, the batteries and the high-voltage distribution box in the taxi were seriously damaged after two major crashes that resulted in short circuits, which caused the fire that made two holes in the car's roof, Wu said.

The taxi was hit in the rear left tire by a Nissan GTR sports car at about 242 kilo-

meters/hour at around 3 am.

"The sport car's speed was reduced after the emergency brakes were activated but it remained at a level between 183 and 195 km/h when the collision happened," Wu said.

After it was hit by the sports car, the taxi, completely out of control, crashed against a tree at the roadside in 3.5 seconds, Wu added.

The investigations found that the victims were killed by the crashes rather than by the fire as some people had suspected.

"The accident was cruel and rare. Our virtual tests showed that both crashes were fatal to the taxi driver and the two passengers in the rear seat," Wu said.

The results from the second virtual test — when the taxi hit the tree — showed that the Head Injury Criterion, a major measure for the risk of head injuries in car accidents, stood at about 5,000 for the driver, roughly 8,000 for the passenger in the rear left and more than 4,200 for the other passenger in the rear right.

According to a standard accepted in Europe, a figure over 1,860 indicates that the car's occupants couldn't have survived the accident, Wu said.

In a reaction to the suspected explosion noises allegedly heard in some video clips of the crash, Wu said that some of the noises were from the rescue personnel when breaking the car windows, while the rest were caused when the safety valves of the batteries were activated.

The investigation was organized by the Shenzhen Academy of Metrology & Quality Inspection.

The deadly accident aroused concerns over the safety of all-electric cars, especially in the city of Shenzhen, where about 300 units of E6 taxis are in operation.

It also sounded a note of caution among some in the global auto industry as an increasing number of automakers are starting to build electric cars and plug-in hybrid cars, most of which rely on technology similar to the one used in BYD's vehicles.

## Officials warn against poison mushrooms

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The country's top food administration has cautioned against the consumption of wild mushrooms after toxic mushrooms killed seven people and poisoned 50 in Hanzhong, in Shaanxi province.

Restaurants nationwide should avoid purchasing and serving wild mushrooms, and consumers should not pick or eat wild mushrooms due to the lack of effective measures to detect toxic mushrooms, the State Food and Drug Administration said in a statement on Friday.

The statement came in the wake of a string of food poisoning incidents since late July in Hanzhong, in Shaanxi province.

The top food administration called on local supervision authorities in areas where the picking of wild mushrooms is popular to intensify efforts to warn the public of the possible harmful effects of wild mushrooms.

The only effective measure to avoid food poisoning caused by toxic mushrooms is to avoid eating them, the authorities said.

From July 19 to Thursday, 57 local residents in Hanzhong were poisoned after eating mushrooms picked from the mountains.

"There are nine people who are still in critical condition and are receiving special treatment. Others are recovering," the government information office of Hanzhong said in a statement.

The hot and rainy weather in July has provided rich ground for the breeding of wild mushrooms in mountainous and forest areas. Most of the poisoned residents were from the city's Zhenba, Mianxian, Ningqiang and Nanzheng counties.

Zhou Zuoming, 42, from Zhenba county, went to the mountains to pick mushrooms with his son and daughter on the morning of July 19. Then the family of four, including his wife, ate the mushrooms that evening and all were poisoned.

Even after receiving emergency treatment in the hospital, Zhou's 15-year-old daughter and 18-year-old son died on July 22, and his wife died on July 26. Zhou is in stable condition.

According to Tang Yuhu, a doctor at the Hanzhong Central Hospital, his hospital received 37 poisoned patients, including three children, aged 8 to 10 between July 19 and 29.

"An 8-year-old boy from Ningqiang county died of serious poisoning on July 26, and a 10-year-old boy was still in serious condition. The last child, aged 10, was in stable condition," the doctor said.

Some patients said that they ate the same mushrooms before and were not poisoned. However, Tang said that edible mushrooms can turn poisonous with changes in their growing conditions.

On July 27, the Hanzhong government issued a notice asking local residents not to pick and eat wild mushrooms and banned rural markets, shops and supermarkets from selling them.

The public was also alerted about the possible harmful effects of eating wild mushrooms through local TV and radio broadcasts.

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