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Workers at Russia's Vostochny Cosmodrome On Strike ... Again

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More than 200 construction workers have gone on strike at the Vostochny Cosmodrome in Russia's Far East, the Interfax news agency reported Friday.

The workers refused to come to work today because of unpaid wages. One worker said that management of their employer, Spetsdorstroi, cited financial problems at higher levels as the reason for the delay in payments.

"I have worked at the launch site since 2012, and we have never had such delays in our organization. They gave us only 41 percent of May's wages, and said they could only give us an advance of 5000 rubles ($75), on July 30," a worker said, the Vedomosti newspaper reported.

A total of 215 workers signed a statement giving notice that they would cease work Friday. They refuse to return to work until they are paid the outstanding wages for May and June.

Early this month, a group of workers at the cosmodrome employed by a different company went on strike for the same reason, though returned to work the day after a meeting with management.

In April, the former director of one construction company responsible for Vostochny was sentenced to three years in a labor camp for embezzlement of company funds.

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