

More than 6,000 Sochi Olympics Workers Compensated

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SOCHI — The International Olympic Committee said more than 6,000 workers from Sochi Olympic construction sites have received their unpaid wages.

Preparations for the Sochi Games were marred by reports that thousands of workers building the venues, mainly laborers from Central Asian republics, were cheated out of their wages and some were underpaid.

Russian authorities originally denied there was a problem but have recently pledged to fine the construction companies in question and repay the workers — even though most of them have already left Russia.

Mark Adams, an IOC spokesman, told reporters on Monday that 6,175 workers have been compensated and some 500 companies were under investigation. Adams said Russian officials are still tracking down all the subcontractors who were cheating workers.

"We are slowly getting there," he said.

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