

country. The schedule calls for three flights per week. Passengers will now travel to the capital without the annoying change of planes.

levels or below. The 'Vorgashorskaya', for example, is now no longer releasing its excess coal, accumulating it instead to fulfill the plan for the third quarter."

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Vorkuta Coal Begins to Move

First it was the bad weather, and then the irregular flow of empty open rail cars since the beginning of spring placed the miners of Vorkuta and railway workers of the Northern Line in a difficult situation. Nearly a million tonnes of coal have accumulated at depots. Since the mined coal has not been sold, the mine's current accounts are short of funds. And then the miners threatened an unusual strike action: if the coal is not shipped out we will go on collective leave.

In May the Vorkuta Branch substantially improved the situation by shipping fuel to customers. What helped in particular was introducing the use of shuttle trains to the Cherepovets Metallurgical Combine.

There currently remain more than 500,000 tons at coal depots of Vorkuta. This is a lot, above the level allowed, but judging from all indications, the miners' collective leave will not take place since railway workers intend to maintain the current pace in June. Now, even the miners can no longer keep up with the daily pace of loading, which amounts to 805 cars.

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