



## Brazil closes BYD factory for 'slavery' conditions uproar

### Description

Brazilian authorities stopped the construction of a factory for the Chinese electric vehicle company BYD. They found that workers were living in terrible conditions, almost like slavery. More than 160 workers were rescued in Bahia, Brazil. The workers were treated badly and had their passports and pay kept by the construction company.

The factory was supposed to open by March 2025 and be BYD's first electric vehicle plant outside of Asia. The workers, hired by Jinjiang Construction Brazil, had to stay in bad living conditions. They slept on beds without mattresses and had to share one bathroom with many others.

BYD said they cut ties with the company involved and want to follow Brazilian laws. They moved the affected workers to hotels and checked on their living conditions. BYD is a big electric vehicle maker, competing with Tesla. They are expanding in Brazil and plan to invest a lot of money there.

### Vocabulary List:

1. **Conditions** /kən'dɪʃ.ənz/ (noun): The state or situation in which people live or work.
2. **Rescued** /'res.kju:d/ (verb): Saved from a dangerous or distressing situation.
3. **Ties** /taɪz/ (noun): Connections or relationships with someone or something.
4. **Affected** /ə'fektɪd/ (adjective): Having been influenced or touched by something.
5. **Invest** /ɪn'vest/ (verb): To put money into something to earn a profit or achieve a result.
6. **Expanding** /ɪk'spændɪŋ/ (verb): Increasing in size number or importance.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. Where were more than 160 workers rescued in Brazil for living in terrible conditions almost like slavery?  
Option: Sao Paulo  
Option: Bahia  
Option: Rio de Janeiro  
Option: Brasilia



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2. What was the factory supposed to be for the Chinese electric vehicle company BYD?

- Option: First plant in Brazil
- Option: First plant in Asia
- Option: First plant in Europe
- Option: First plant in North America

3. Which construction company hired the workers living in bad conditions in Brazil?

- Option: BYD
- Option: Tata Group
- Option: Jinjiang Construction Brazil
- Option: Tesla

4. What did BYD do after the discovery of the workers' living conditions?

- Option: Cut ties with the workers
- Option: Retained the workers with improved conditions
- Option: Made them homeless
- Option: Ignored the situation

5. Which electric vehicle company is BYD competing with?

- Option: Ford
- Option: Toyota
- Option: Chevrolet
- Option: Tesla

6. What is BYD's plan regarding investments in Brazil?

- Option: Reduce investments
- Option: Withdraw from Brazil
- Option: Invest a lot of money
- Option: Suspend operations in Brazil

### **True-False**

7. The workers were kept without their passports and pay by the construction company in Brazil.

8. The factory was scheduled to open by March 2025 and be BYD's first electric vehicle plant in Asia.

9. BYD is a small electric vehicle maker compared to Tesla.



10. BYD has no plans to expand in Brazil.
11. The affected workers in Brazil were moved to better living conditions by BYD.
12. The Brazilian authorities had no reason to stop the construction of the factory for BYD.

### Gap-Fill

13. The factory for BYD was supposed to open by March 2025 in Brazil, and the workers were rescued in \_\_\_\_\_.
14. The workers hired by Jinjiang Construction Brazil lived in bad conditions and had to share one bathroom with many others in \_\_\_\_\_ Brazil.
15. BYD plans to invest a lot of money in expanding operations in \_\_\_\_\_.
16. The workers rescued in Bahia were in living conditions almost like \_\_\_\_\_.
17. BYD cut ties with the construction company involved and \_\_\_\_\_ the affected workers to hotels.
18. The affected workers slept on beds without mattresses in Brazil because of the construction company's \_\_\_\_\_ conditions.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Bahia 2. First electric vehicle plant outside of Asia 3. Jinjiang Construction Brazil 4. Cut ties with the company involved 5. Tesla 6. Invest a lot of money there

**True-False:** 7. True 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. True 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. Bahia 15. Brazil 16. slavery 17. moved 18. bad

### Vocabulary quizzes



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**Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )**

1. Which household appliance is used to keep food cold?  
Option: Microwave  
Option: Refrigerators  
Option: Toaster  
Option: Blender
2. Which field focuses on the application of engineering principles to biological systems?  
Option: Astronomy  
Option: Bioengineering  
Option: Botany  
Option: Geology
3. What term describes a positive or hopeful attitude towards the future?  
Option: Depressed  
Option: Optimistic  
Option: Pessimistic  
Option: Anxious
4. What is the presence of harmful substances in the environment known as?  
Option: Cleanliness  
Option: Pollution  
Option: Purity  
Option: Hygiene
5. Which term refers to events where people come together in one place?  
Option: Isolation  
Option: Gatherings  
Option: Solitude  
Option: Separation
6. What is a state of complete disorder and confusion called?  
Option: Calm  
Option: Order  
Option: Chaos  
Option: Peace
7. Which term is related to the study of the natural world through observation and experimentation?  
Option: Artistic  
Option: Scientific  
Option: Philosophical



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Option: Literary

8. Which word means linked or joined together?

Option: Separated

Option: Disconnected

Option: Lonely

Option: Connected

9. What are slight to moderate earthquakes often felt over a large area?

Option: Hurricanes

Option: Blizzards

Option: Tremors

Option: Tsunamis

10. What are lines or creases on the surface of something?

Option: Smooth

Option: Folds

Option: Wrinkles

Option: Curves

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. \_\_\_\_\_ practices aim to reduce the impact on the environment.

12. The new software was meticulously \_\_\_\_\_ by a team of experts.

13. The detective uncovered the \_\_\_\_\_ painting in the art gallery.

14. Exams can be very \_\_\_\_\_ for students.

15. The company is planning on \_\_\_\_\_ its operations into new markets.

16. Regular exercise is essential for maintaining good \_\_\_\_\_.

17. The meeting was \_\_\_\_\_ for those who could not attend.

18. The firefighters \_\_\_\_\_ the cat from the burning building.

19. The recent policy changes have \_\_\_\_\_ many businesses in the area.

20. It is wise to \_\_\_\_\_ in your education for a better future.



**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. Rapid technological have transformed various industries in recent years.
22. In today's digital age people are more through social media platforms.
23. Adverse weather may cause flight delays.
24. The weather forecast heavy rainfall for the weekend.
25. The art dealer confirmed that the painting was indeed .
26. Following the accident there was utter at the scene.
27. It is important to time in building meaningful relationships.
28. The heart is a vital in the human body.
29. combines principles from biology and engineering to solve medical problems.
30. Reducing carbon emissions is crucial in the fight against climate .

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Refrigerators 2. Bioengineering 3. Optimistic 4. Pollution 5. Gatherings 6. Chaos 7. Scientific 8. Connected 9. Tremors 10. Wrinkles

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Climate-friendly 12. Developed 13. Fake 14. Stressful 15. Expanding 16. Well-being 17. Recorded 18. Rescued 19. Affected 20. Invest

**Matching sentence:** 1. Advancements 2. Connected 3. Conditions 4. Predicted 5. Fake 6. Chaos 7. Invest 8. Organ 9. Bioengineering 10. Pollution

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