

Six feared dead as train derails in Lagos

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SIX persons were feared killed yesterday at Yaba, Lagos State following an accident involving a derailed train.

About five others sustained injuries as a result of the confusion which followed the incident.

The Guardian learnt that most of the dead victims were pedestrians and market women who were selling various foodstuff by the rail.

The incident, which occurred at about noon, attracted sympathisers to the scene who tried to rescue the injured victims.

Police sources told *The Guardian* that efforts were still on yesterday evening to identify the dead victims whose bodies had been deposited in a nearby hospital.

Early this year, seven persons including four beggars were crushed to death by a train that lost control at the Ikeja area of the state.

The state government has often warned traders to stay away from the rail lines to no avail.

Most of the traders along the railway, who spoke to *The Guardian* yesterday, lamented the accident and called on government to improve maintenance works on the rails.

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