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ACCIDENT: Train Derailment Kills 2 In Lagos

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Two people were killed and several others wounded when a passenger train derailed at the Lagos Terminus of the Nigeria Railway Corporation (NRC) located in Iddo area of the state.

Our correspondent gathered that the accident involving a train reported to be coming from Kano State killed the driver and the locomotive assistant.

Witnesses said if the train had not rammed into another stationary train, the casualty level and damage to other infrastructure would have been colossal.

The witness, a staffer of NRC who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the train hit

one of the concrete pillars at the terminal and completely destroyed the ticketing section of the train station.

He said, "The accident was due to a brake failure and the driver could not stop it. Some people said the driver noticed the faulty brake when it stopped at Agege terminus and was not able to stop in Ikeja at all and it continued to move till it got to this place".

It was gathered that the train left Kano on Wednesday and was on its return trip when the accident occurred on Sunday night.

As people wailed over the tragic incident, the body of the assistant locomotive driver was found to be still trapped inside the cockpit while the officials made frantic efforts to remove his corpse.

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