

# Train derails, kills 12

**T**RAGEDY struck in Lagos yesterday when a train derailed and crushed 12 persons in Lagos.

The victims which included eight women and four men, were transacting business in their shops when the train crushed them.

The train was said to have crushed three vehicles before ramming into the shops.

The train carrying some containers was said to be moving into Lagos from Ikorodu when the accident occurred.

Eye witness account has it that the train

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driver suddenly lost control and rammed into shops in Agric area of Ikorodu, Lagos.

Besides those killed, four others are still battling for life at press time.

Both the corpses and the four, in critical condition, have been taken to Ikorodu General Hospital.

The accident attracted sympathisers and left the business zone bewildered.

Sensing impending danger from the aggressive mob that converged in a jiffy, the

driver of the train escaped from the scene.

Confirming the accident, Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Olabode Ojajuni, DSP, described it as most pathetic.

Ojajuni also confirmed that the injured persons were being attended to at the Ikorodu General Hospital.

The police image maker said the runaway driver was being trailed.

"We sense the accident happened as a result of break failure. But we need to hear from the driver. We have thus declared him wanted," he said.