

Five feared killed in Lagos train crash

NO fewer than five people were feared killed in Lagos yesterday when a fully loaded train collided with an articulated vehicle (trailer) at Fagba Railway Crossing, Agege.

Over 20 persons were said to have been injured in the process.

The train was reported to have somersaulted after it hit the trailer which was loaded with planks.

It was gathered that the

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incident which occurred around 5.30am, caused heavy traffic bottleneck in the area.

According to an eyewitness, the accident may have been caused due to poor visibility on the part of the trailer driver as he did not see the train on time when he attempted to drive cross the rail tracks.

Many injured victims were rescued by

sympathisers and social miscreants (*Area boys*) before the arrival of policemen from the Agege Railway Police Station to the scene.

What was left of the trailer after the impact, was seen parked in front of the station.

Area boys who cashed in on the confused situation arising from the crash disrupted movement of both private and commercial vehicles in the

area.

Though the Officer in-Charge (OC) of the Railway Police Station, was not on seat to make any official comments when *The Nation* visited, some policemen at the place confirmed the incident.

However, when contacted, the Lagos State Command Public Relations Officer Mr Olubode Ojajuni, a Deputy Superintendent (DSP) said he had not been briefed on the crash.