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TWO officials of the Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) and two passengers have reportedly lost their lives at the weekend, when a cargo train travelling from Ibadan to Kano lost control and crashed.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the incident occurred at Jebba, Kwara State, a few metres after the main entrance of Jebba Paper Mill.

It was also reported that there was a second crash few metres to the River Niger Bridge at Jebba, but with no casualty recorded.

Some officials of the cor-

poration, who spoke with journalists, said the two staff members were a male guard and a female staff simply identified as Janet. It was gathered that re-

mains of Janet was packed into a body bag by a combined team of medical personnel, police and Road Safety Corps at about 3.40p.m, on Sunday, while the head and one leg of another victim had reportedly been retrieved earlier from the crash scene.

However, the crash created a long queue of trailers on the ever-busy Ilorin-Jebba road, with the traffic snarl stretching for about 12 kilometers, leaving road users stranded. The Nigeria Railway Cor-

poration (NRC), speaking through the Assistant Director in charge of Publicity, Mr Rauf Akinloye, said on Sunday that four people died in the train accident.

One of the passengers, who said he alighted at Ilorin around 3.00 a.m., Comrade Gbenga Olanrewaju, said the train derailed because it was "overloaded with too many coaches," noting that it had begun to malfunction earlier.

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