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## Train crushes churchgoer

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Residents of Osogbo woke up on Saturday to find a young man lying unconscious close to a railway track.

He was allegedly killed by a Kano-bound train few meters before it got to Osogbo railway terminus.

A Bible was found close to body indicating that the victim might have been returning home after a vigil when he was crushed by the train.

Some residents said the train arrived at the terminus around 1:30am but others claimed it arrived about 2:30am.

Some few minutes after the train left the terminus to continue with its journey to Kano State, three cargo coaches attached to it got detached around Dagbolu area at the outskirts of Osogbo with the coaches racing back to the terminus.

**SUNDAY PUNCH** gathered that a man who was offloading goods from the coaches that derailed was arrested and detained by the Nigerian Railway Corporation policemen.

A resident, Rasheed, told our correspondent, "We gathered that the train left Lagos for Kano. It got to Osogbo around 1:30am. Afterwards, three coaches carrying goods got detached from the train and began to move backwards from Dagbolu area to Old Garage.

"The backward movement would have continued but the coaches derailed when they got to the interchange and fell down. The accident happened in the night. It may have recorded some casualties especially at level crossings if it had happened during the day."

Policemen and the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps officers were deployed at the scene and the terminus to ensure safety of passengers and their belongings.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Folasade Odoro, when contacted told our correspondent that there was no report that the train crushed anybody.

She, however, said she would contact the railway police to find out if they had the report.

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