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Three female traders have been reportedly killed by armed robbers following the collapse
of Tantabu Bridge in Mokwa, Niger State.

A trader, identified as   travelling in a vehicle,
had chosen a bushy p   to evade the gridlock

Idowu spoke to journalists on Saturday during an assessment of the affected rail track by top officials of the Nigerian Railway Corporation, led by its Managing Director, Mr. Fidet Okhiria, in company with the Director, Civil/Newline, NRC, Mr. Lawal Amodu; the Deputy Director, Operations, Mr. Akin Oshinowo; and some other NRC officials.

According to Idowu, the robbers waylaid and robbed the traders, then shot dead the three women.

Idowu also lamented that she had spent five days because of the gridlock on a journey that would normally last a day.

Another trader, Mrs. Ebutope Ilesanmi, said she spent four days while embarking on a journey because of the gridlock.

Residents told journalists that two bridges collapsed after a torrential rainfall last Sunday, which started at about 9pm and continued into Monday morning.

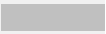Meanwhile, Okhiria said the NRC will lose N50m in revenue within three weeks as a result of the collapsed rail track.

He said, "We are arranging excavators to come from Abuja. They cannot come from Ilorin (Kwara State) because of the road. We are also coming with a 'tempo bridge.' It is a prepared bridge with a rail crane. By the time we do the embankment, we will fill it up with

long stone, laterite and

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"We have trains   No Thanks   Allow   at could not run last week. Every week, we could have operated three trains. We will, in three weeks, be losing about N50m in revenue and not profit."

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