

Passenger Train Derails in Southern Russia, Injuring Dozens

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A passenger train derailed on Monday in southern Russia, injuring dozens of people, the country's state-owned railway company said.

Russian Railways [said](#) the train — which was traveling through the Volgograd region — collided with a truck that drove into a railroad crossing at 12:35 local time. Eight passenger cars were thrown from the tracks, it added.

“The [truck] driver grossly violated traffic rules and entered the crossing in front of a nearby train when the signaling system was in good working order,” the company [said](#) in a separate statement later on Monday.

At least 55 people, including children and two staff, were [hospitalized](#). Another 140 passengers suffered minor bruises and scrapes, Russian Railways said, adding that 803 people had been on board the train.

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Images shared by local authorities [showed](#) carriages tipped on their side, passengers scrambling out of the damaged compartments and fire trucks at the scene.

Law enforcement officials [launched](#) a criminal investigation into the accident, which they are treating as a violation of traffic safety rules while operating a train.

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