

18 injured in train accident in Cuba – cause still unclear



Three carriages derailed in the accident (source: [Eduardo Rodríguez Dávila/X](#))

A serious train accident [occurred](#) late Tuesday evening in the province of Camagüey in central Cuba. Three cars of a long-distance train traveling on the main line from Holguín to Havana derailed. Eighteen passengers suffered injuries, but according to doctors, none are life-threatening.

The accident occurred at around 9:45 p.m. local time at kilometer 522.6 near the “El Cárnico” industrial park. According to Transport Minister Eduardo Rodríguez Dávila, the generator car and two passenger cars jumped off the tracks. The chassis and suspensions were damaged. The locomotive itself remained undamaged and nine of the twelve cars were able to continue on to Camagüey station under their own power after the accident.

The cars were purchased from China as part of a [renewal of rolling stock](#) in 2019-21 and are among the most modern in Cuba.



Map showing the location of the train accident ([Eduardo Rodríguez Dávila/X](#))

Injured treated in hospital

The 18 injured passengers, who come from the provinces of Holguín, Matanzas, and Havana, were taken to the Manuel Ascunce Domenech University Hospital in Camagüey for treatment. According to deputy medical director Guillermo Brito Adán, the injuries are not life-threatening. 17 passengers have already been discharged from the hospital, and one patient with a broken kneecap is being taken home in a private car at the request of her family.

A total of around 250 passengers were on the train and were evacuated to Camagüey station after the accident. There they received medical care, food and transport to their destinations, as [reported](#) by the news agency *Prensa Latina*. Three patients decided to return to Holguín on their own by taxi.

Railway line severely damaged

The derailment caused considerable damage to the railway infrastructure. According to Transport Minister Rodríguez, three sections of track with 23 sleepers each were destroyed and four rails were broken. Specialist teams are working flat out to make the main line passable again, which is expected to take 24 to 48 hours.

Long-distance traffic on Cuba's central east-west axis is currently severely disrupted as a result. The train from Havana to Guantánamo had to stop overnight in Santa Clara. On Wednesday morning, it was able to continue its journey to Majagua in the province of Ciego de Ávila, where passengers are now waiting for traffic to resume at the accident site.

Investigation into causes underway

There are still no definitive findings regarding the cause of the train accident. According to the Cuban railway company Ferrocarriles de Cuba (FCC), the locomotive derailed 4.8 kilometers from Camagüey's main station. A technical commission was sent to the scene of the accident to investigate the circumstances. The usual investigation protocols will be followed.

Transport Minister Rodríguez thanked the provincial authorities, especially those in Camagüey, for their exemplary support in providing assistance to passengers and repairing the damage. Clean-up work began early in the morning, immediately after the police investigation was completed. Five track construction crews and rescue teams were deployed immediately to prevent further damage to the tracks and carriages. ([Cubaheute](#))