

All Injured in Kuban Train Crash in Satisfactory Condition

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Police blocking the area surrounding the train that derailed in southern Russia on Sunday on its way to Sochi. **Ignan Kozlov**

KRASNODAR — All 15 people hospitalized after a passenger train derailed in southern Russia's Krasnodar region Sunday are in satisfactory condition, the local Health Ministry said Monday.

"The necessary medical assistance was rendered to all injured ... Their condition is satisfactory," the ministry said in a statement.

Five train cars overturned and another three fell onto one side in the derailment in the district of Kushyovsky, about 140 kilometers north of Sochi, a spokesman for the Emergency Situations Ministry said.

The train, which was carrying more than 600 passengers, had traveled some 4,000 kilometers from the Siberian city of Novosibirsk when the cars derailed just hours north of the final

destination, Adler, on the Black Sea.

About 70 people were reportedly injured in the wreck. Fifteen, including five children, have been hospitalized. Twelve of those hospitalized were released from the Krylovsky central district hospital Monday, Interfax reported.

According to preliminary information, no one was killed.

An official earlier cited the locomotive's engineer as saying summer heat might have distorted the tracks, causing the derailment. A half-kilometer of track was found damaged after sections of a passenger train derailed in southern Russia's Krasnodar Region on Sunday. A high of 33 degrees Celsius was reported for the area that day.

According to a spokesman for the Southern District regional transportation prosecutor, victims of the crash can turn to regional transportation prosecutors for Sochi, Tuapsinsk and the North Caucasus if they have any questions about how to "redress their rights," Interfax reported.

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