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At Least 21 Killed in Moscow Metro Rush-Hour Crash

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Members of the emergency services carry an injured passenger outside a metro station following an accident on the subway in Moscow.

At least 21 people have been killed and 129 people hospitalized after three metro cars derailed near Moscow's Slavyansky Bulvar station Tuesday morning.

An Emergency Situations Ministry spokesperson on Tuesday afternoon said 12 bodies were still inside the wreckage of the metro. From the bodies that had been recovered, four were male and three were female, he said.

Health Minister Veronika Skvortsova told news agency Interfax the death toll stood at 21, with two people having died in hospital as a result of their injuries.

Earlier, Interfax cited a spokesperson for the ministry as saying 129 people had been hospitalized, 42 of whom were in serious condition.

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The derailment took place at about 8:35 a.m. between the Slavyansky Bulvar and Park Pobedy metro stations on the city's Dark Blue Line.

Slavyansky Bulvar metro station has been temporarily closed as rescuers attend to the victims.

The crash is believed to have been caused by a decrease in the electric voltage running through the tracks of the metro, a spokesman for Moscow's Emergency Situations Ministry said, Interfax reported.

The ministry said more than 1,000 people had been evacuated from the area.

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