

Tram Collision in Siberia Kills 1, Injures 100

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Aftermath of the head-on tram collision in Kemerovo. **Social media**

At least one person was killed and more than 100 others were injured after [two trams collided](#) on a bridge in the Siberian city of Kemerovo early Thursday, local officials said.

Security camera footage shared on social media [showed](#) passengers being tossed onto a busy roadway from one of the careening trams as the driver apparently lost control of the railed vehicle.

Other videos [showed](#) the aftermath of that tram's head-on collision with a different tram. Emergency responders could be seen working at the scene.

“Unfortunately, one victim of the crash has passed away despite the doctors’ efforts,” Kemerovo Mayor Dmitry Anisimov said in a video message.

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The state-run Interfax news agency, citing anonymous emergency sources, [reported](#) that 102 people were injured as a result of the crash. The figure was later [confirmed](#) by acting Kemerovo region Governor Ilya Seredyuk.

Both Seredyuk and Mayor Anisimov [said](#) the accident highlighted the need to modernize the city's aging tram infrastructure, with some cars being in commission for around 40 years — when Soviet leader Yuri Andropov was still in power.

Russia's Investigative Committee, which probes major crimes, [opened](#) a criminal case into safety violations following Thursday's crash.

“For some unknown reason, the tram did not slow down on a difficult section that goes downhill,” Kemerovo's electric transportation company KETK [told](#) Interfax earlier in the day.

“Two versions of what happened are currently being looked at: human error and technical malfunction,” it added.

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