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Freight Train Derails in Arkhangelsk Region Following Bridge Collapse

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A freight train derailed in northwestern Russia's Arkhangelsk region following the collapse of a railroad bridge, Russian Railways and local officials said Tuesday, causing disruptions to passenger rail service along the affected track.

Arkhangelsk region Governor Alexander Tsybulsky said the accident took place around 5:10 a.m. Moscow time. He said part of a railroad bridge over the Viled River collapsed, leading several freight cars to derail.

Tsybulsky said officials were coordinating an emergency response effort. No one was injured in the accident.

At least eight long-distance passenger trains traveling between major cities — including Moscow and St. Petersburg — were left stranded following the derailment.

Russian Railways said it sent buses to the area to transport passengers further to their

destinations. The company said repair crews were also dispatched to the bridge but did not say how long it expected the affected stretch of track to be out of service.

Governor Tsybulsky said law enforcement officials were investigating the cause of the bridge collapse.

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