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Two trains crash south of Madrid, 40 people dead

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Two high-speed trains collided on the rail line connecting Madrid to the southern Andalusia region in Spain. According to news agency Reuters, rail operator Adif provided this information on Wednesday. Local media reports say that at least 40 people have died in this accident. This incident comes nine months after another accident on the same rail line, where high-speed trains of the same operator had collided, killing 46 people.

In the accident that happened in January, a train had derailed. After that, it collided with another train coming from the opposite direction. This accident occurred near Adamuz in the province of Cordoba. Following this incident, a debate started over the levels of investment in railway maintenance in recent years. On Wednesday, Adif said in a message posted on X that rail traffic has been stopped on the Madrid-Andalusia high-speed rail line after a rear-end collision between two trains. A government spokesperson from the Castilla-La Mancha region said that shortly after 9 a.m. (local time), the Renfe and Iryo trains collided. This collision caused two carriages of the Iryo train to derail. They said that the cause of the accident and the number of injured are still being investigated. A source from the provincial government mentioned that at least 10 people have died in this collision.

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