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Railway Disaster In CHEREPICH

SOURCE TRIESTE: Confidential source.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: Current period.

EVAL. COMMENT: No information is available at this office on the reported railway accident at CHEREPICH. The lack of a date renders the report unusable.

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On the SOFIA-STALIN (VARNA) line two freight trains crashed into each other in the CHEREPICH station.

This was how the disaster occurred: one of the above two freight trains was maneuvering when the second one, coming from STALIN, arrived at the station at full speed, running on the same rails on which the first train was maneuvering, so that they crashed and broke into splinters.

The chief engineer, three brakemen and one of the men in charge of the engines perished in this accident, while the rest of the personnel was more or less seriously injured.

Our source heard the news about this accident from a cousin who was travelling to SOFIA on that day and had passed through the CHEREPICH station. The passenger train arrived in SOFIA two and a half hours late, i.e. at 1430 hours instead of 1200 hours.

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