



The wreckage in Adamuz, Spain, on Monday, a day after derailed cars from a northbound train were slammed by a southbound one.

SPAIN IS STUNNED AFTER RAIL CRASH

High-Speed Catastrophe Leaves Scores Dead

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ADAMUZ, Spain — Salvador Jiménez was on a high-speed train to Madrid on Sunday evening, speeding through the arid countryside of southern Spain, when the carriage shook so violently that he thought it had hit an animal on the tracks.

The lights went out. A voice on the public-address system made a plea for medical assistance. Soon the passengers were breaking windows with emergency hammers to escape, Mr. Jiménez, 37, said in an interview.

The collision turned out to be with another train, killing at least 40 people in the deadliest railway crash in Spain since 2013. Two cars at the back of Mr. Jiménez's Madrid-bound train derailed near Adamuz, a town in southern Spain, where they crossed onto the track of an oncoming southbound train, according to a preliminary report by official investigators. Seconds later, at around 7:45 p.m., the southbound train slammed into the carriages and careened down a 12-foot embankment, the preliminary report said.

"It was like an earthquake," said Mr. Jiménez, a broadcast journalist.

The crash left Spaniards in grief and shock, shaking a country that has come to depend, and take great pride in, its sprawling and efficient national rail system, the largest high-speed system in Europe and second-largest in the world, behind China's.

"Spanish society is asking what happened, how it happened, and how this tragedy could have occurred," Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez said at a news media briefing near the crash site on Monday. He said officials would strive to answer the questions about what happened on tracks, switches and junctions that were renovated only in May and with a new train that had been inspected as recently as Thursday.

Neither the privately owned northbound train carrying around 300 passengers or the southbound one operated by Spain's state-owned rail operator was speeding, officials said.

"The accident is extremely

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Trump Links Failed Bid For a Nobel Peace Prize To His Greenland Push

NEWS ANALYSIS

Shoving an Alliance Onto a Precipice

By MICHAEL D. SHEAR

OXFORD, England — What happens to an 80-year-old diplomatic alliance when its leading power threatens a military invasion of one member, wages economic war on the others and vows to cultivate political and cultural resistance to their governments?

Is the alliance doomed?

That question is being asked in capitals across Europe as leaders rush to respond to President Trump's rapidly escalating campaign to acquire Greenland over the objections of the people who live there. At issue most urgently is whether resisting Mr. Trump's territorial ambitions risks damaging Europe's relationship with the United States beyond repair.

Some leaders — like President Emmanuel Macron of France and Lars Klingbeil, Germany's finance minister — appear willing to take that risk, urging Europe's nations to consider deploying an economic "bazooka" in response to Mr. Trump's latest tariff threats.

Leaders from across Europe are expected to gather in Brussels this week to present a united response to Mr. Trump's provocations. Veteran observers of European politics said the alliance between Europe and the United States that formed in the aftermath of World War II had already been fundamentally altered.

It is no longer an alliance designed primarily to advance the interests of like-minded democracies, they said. Instead, it is a relationship on Mr. Trump's terms alone — one in which he wields the leverage that comes from American power to force Europeans to cater to his whims.

"To use what is essentially economic warfare with allies is unprecedented in this way," said Ian Lesser, who leads the Brussels office of the German Marshall Fund, a research group.

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Economic Toll Of Trump Era Takes Its Time

By BEN CASSELMAN

For all the chaos along the way, President Trump's first year back in the White House is ending with an economy that looks, by most conventional measures, much like the one he inherited. Unemployment is low, consumer spending is strong, and inflation is stubbornly high but gradually improving.

Tariffs, Mr. Trump's signature economic policy, haven't set off the manufacturing renaissance he promised, but nor have they caused the surge in inflation that many forecasters feared. The stock market bobbed and weaved its way to a solid if not spectacular 16 percent gain. Analysts who began 2025 warning of the perils of uncertainty ended it by remarking on the U.S. economy's surprising resilience.

Yet it would be a mistake to think that Mr. Trump's actions left the economy unscathed.

Much more so than in his first four years in office, Mr. Trump

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Last Roar for Albino Alligator in 'City of Misfits'

By HEATHER KNIGHT

SAN FRANCISCO — This funeral traded hymns for a brass band, somber pallbearers for dancing drag queens, and black suits and dresses for reptile costumes. There were no platters of cheese and crackers, but there was a nearly life-size loaf of sourdough shaped like the deceased.

In San Francisco, people do things differently — including the memorial service on Sunday to mourn the passing of Claude, an albino alligator who entertained crowds at the California Academy of Sciences for years by not doing much at all.

San Francisco has long embraced those who stand out from the crowd, and Claude certainly did. He was pure white, had pink eyes that did not see well, stretched 10 feet long, weighed 300 pounds and was so quiet and still that many first-time visitors to the science museum thought he was a statue.



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Claude, who died last month in San Francisco, was beloved by science museum visitors. A Claude loaf was baked in his honor.

A few times over the years, Claude shocked his admirers with a roar — and on Sunday, the city roared its love and appreciation back at him. He died last month of liver cancer at 30, a ripe age for an albino alligator, and thousands

turned out to a concourse near the museum in Golden Gate Park for his jubilant memorial service.

"This city of misfits and originals recognized him as one of our own," Assemblywoman Catherine

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