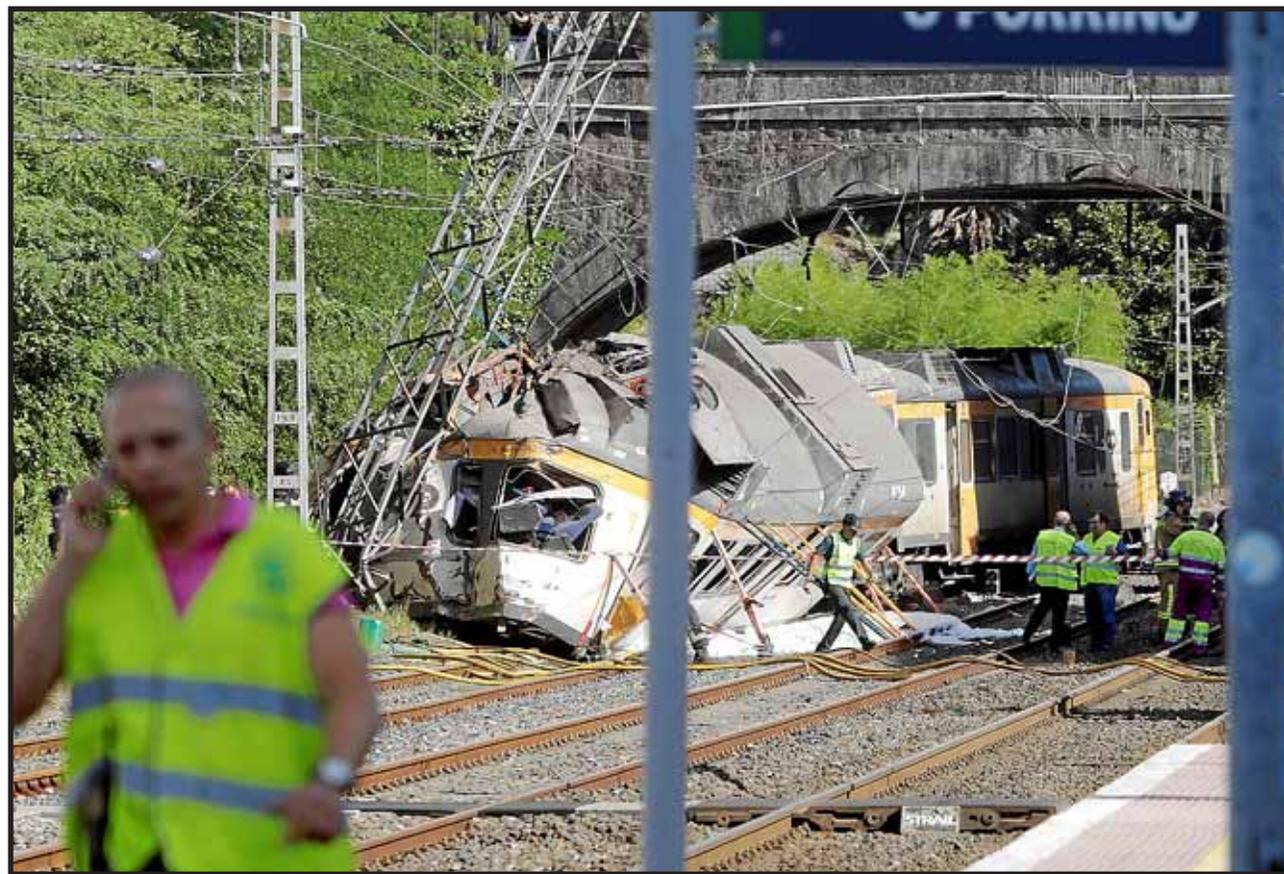


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Train crash in northern Spain

● Driver was among those killed.

At least four people died and close to 50 people were injured yesterday after a train derailed in Galicia in north-western Spain, local authorities said. The train driver, a Portuguese national, was among those killed, according to authorities in the Galician town of O Porrino, the nearest to the accident. See Inside

Spain's construction industry first to feel chill of the political void

SPAIN'S convalescing construction sector was hoping to move on from a national economic crisis which at its height saw abandoned building sites and bankrupt infrastructure projects littering the landscape.

But a political paralysis that has left the country without a settled government for all this year could stall a return to better times.

Industry figures from builders and designers to material suppliers are expressing concern that no administration is now able to sign off on new projects, compounding years of cuts in public spending.

"It's difficult to distinguish

whether the fall in activity comes from the lack of government or because we still haven't pulled out of crisis," said Jose Maria Carbajo, manager at Acento Ingeneria.

His small Madrid-based company had a good run in recent months, winning contracts to repair a Metro line in Madrid and reinforce a bridge in the central region of Castilla-Leon.

But like others in the sector, Carbajo expects the ripple effects from the political paralysis will become clearer in the weeks ahead.

Following two inconclusive national elections, Spaniards could be heading to the ballot box for the third time in a year after acting

Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy last week lost a parliamentary vote of confidence for a second term.

The industry is one of the most vulnerable to the lack of leadership which appears to have done little until now to hinder a three-year rebound from recession. Spain posted growth nearly three times the euro zone average in the second quarter.

While a flood of foreign funds has jolted the housing sector back to life, public works spending has slumped by more than three-quarters in the past six years as the state slashes costs to trim its public deficit, industry figures show.

Cement consumption has fallen to its lowest levels since 1965.

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