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Safe Outcome Following Minor TransNamib Train Derailment in Swakopmund

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Windhoek, 24 March 2026 – On Monday, 23 March 2026, at approximately 20:43, TransNamib train 2609 derailed from the main track while entering Swakopmund traveling at a speed of 28 km/h. The locomotive remained upright, though its wheel sets (bogies) came off the line.

No injuries were reported, and damage to rolling stock and infrastructure was minimal. Re-railing is expected to be completed today, 24 March 2026, with any remaining rail repairs carried out promptly thereafter.

“Although preliminary indications suggest the incident may have involved tampering with rail equipment. We stress that, although this was a minor derailment, a formal investigation is underway. TransNamib urges the public not to interfere with a point set or other rail infrastructure, as such actions can compromise safety and disrupt operations” said Desmond Van Jaarsveld, Chief Executive Officer of TransNamib.

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About TransNamib

TransNamib is Namibia’s national rail operator, responsible for managing and operating the country’s rail network. The organization provides freight and passenger rail services, playing a vital role in supporting Namibia’s transport infrastructure, economic development, and regional connectivity.

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