



Three women point to where the body of Nondumiso Zuma, 32, was found after being hit by a train near an informal settlement in Camperdown outside Pietermaritzburg. Traumatized by the death of her friend, Masabatha Matabane, inset foreground, is now haunted by the sounds of passing trains particularly at night. PICTURES: BONGANI MBATHA/AFRICAN NEWS AGENCY/ANA

Railroad housing projects on track

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THE relocation of people living along railway lines and busy roads has become a priority, says a spokesperson for the Department of Human Settlements.

"The priority for the Human Settlements Department when we develop housing projects is the relocation of people who are living in transit camps and informal settlements situated in road reserves, rail reserves, municipal infrastructure servitudes," said Mbulelelo Baloyi, spokesperson for the KwaZulu-Natal department.

"Obviously we are working with municipalities when we prioritise these housing projects," said Baloyi.



Nondumiso Zuma was run over and killed by a train in Camperdown near Pietermaritzburg.

"The department has a dedicated informal settlements upgrade policy which aims to curb the proliferation of informal settlements in areas such as rail reserves and flood plains," he said.

"We are now working with the uMngeni Municipality to relocate people along a rail reserve in Lions River."