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FOUR persons were yesterday killed in an auto crash, which occurred in front of the Ogun State Governor's office, Oke-Mosan, Abeokuta.

The mangled bodies of the victims were trapped in the damaged car and sympathisers had to use axe to cut the car into pieces to enable them remove the bodies.

The accident involved a Toyota Tundra Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) marked, Lagos: FC 787LND and Nissan Primeria car with registration number FZ 914 LSR. The SUV, said to have been coming from Sagamu end of the road on speed was reported to have crossed the median and hit the car which had six occupants on the other side of the road. The Guardian gathered at the scene of the accident that the driver of the SUV was receiving a telephone call while on top speed, when he suddenly approached the speed breaker in front of the Governor's office, resulting in the accident. According to an eyewitness "the driver of the SUV was receiving a phone call while on speed, so when he got to the speed breaker he suddenly applied the brake and in the process lost control of the vehicle, which crossed to the other side of the road and hit the other car."

The Ogun State Rescued Team of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDS), officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) and the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Agency (TRACE) who raced to the accident scene took those who sustained injuries to the Federal Medical Centre and deposited the dead bodies in the morgue.

The TRACE team leader at the scene, Mr. Oladele Badmos, said information at his disposal indicated the driver of the SUV caused the accident, confirming that the driver was receiving a telephone while driving.

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