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Four die in Calabar auto crash

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FOUR persons were reportedly killed in an auto crash on the outskirts of Calabar, Cross River State, on Saturday.

An eyewitness said the four occupants of an Audi Salon with number plate XA635 BRA including the driver died on the spot at about 11am when the accident occurred.

According to him, the car, (taxi), which was heading towards Calabar, ran on to a stationary trailer loaded with cement.

It was learnt that the Federal Road Safety Corps

officials, who arrived at the scene shortly after the accident, struggled to remove the victims who were trapped in the vehicle.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Hogan Bassey, however said only one person died.

When told that the state owned radio station, Cross River Broadcasting Corporation had reported that four persons died in the accident, the PPRO said the other three might have died on their way to hospital.

But the Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps in Cross River State, Mr. Yusuff

Salami, said two persons died on the spot while two other who sustained serious injuries were rushed to a near-by hospital.

He attributed the accident to a dangerous driving by the taxi driver, adding that the situation would have been averted if the driver was more careful.

Meanwhile the Director General of Cross River State Emergency Management Agency Mr. Vincent Aquah, described the accident as "disheartening".

Aquah advised motorists to be cautious on the road to avoid accidents that could maim or cause loss of lives.