

Three, not eight people died in Ugep crash – Monarch

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Contrary to reports that eight persons died when a Toyota Camry rammed into some shops in a market at Ugep, Cross River State, it has been confirmed that three persons lost their lives.

The Paramount Ruler Ugep in the Yakurr Local Government Area of the state, His Royal Majesty, Obol Ofem Ubana Eteng, confirmed that three persons died in the accident.

According to him, one of the victims hailed from Ugep while the identities of the other two could not be immediately ascertained.

The monarch said, “We are still on that incident. Five persons are hospitalised and three dead. Of the dead, one is from Ugep, while we don’t know the others. We don’t know where they come from. We are trying to unravel their identities. The driver is conscious and he is with the police.”

Initial reports indicated that the driver of the car was unconscious after the accident, while the five hospitalised victims died.

It was gathered that the Toyota car was descending a hilly junction along the Ikom/Calabar highway in the afternoon when the car's brake failed and it crashed into the shops in the market, killing three persons on the spot and destroying property.