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Morocco earthquake updates: Over 2,900 killed in rare, powerful quake



Death toll climbs in Morocco earthquake

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The death toll has continued to climb in the wake of the rare and powerful 6.8-magnitude earthquake that struck Morocco Friday night.

More than 2,900 people are confirmed dead.

The quake, Morocco's strongest in more than a century, hit the country's High Atlas mountain range near Marrakech.

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Death toll reaches 2,946

The death toll in Morocco has reached at least 2,946.

Rescuers have been digging in remote areas on Wednesday looking for survivors.



Emergency workers carry a dead body, in the aftermath of a deadly earthquake, in Amizmiz, Morocco, Sept. 10, 2023.

USAID makes up to \$1M available for Morocco

Samantha Power, administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, said Wednesday the agency would make up to \$1 million available in initial humanitarian aid for Morocco's recovery efforts.



Residents gather belongings after their house was rendered uninhabitable by a devastating earthquake in the village mountain of Imi Oughlad, on the Imlil-Asni road in Al-Haouz province of central Morocco's High Atlas range, Sept. 12, 2023.



A man prays next to the rubble of an earthquake destroyed house in Imi N'Tala village near Amizmiz, Morocco on Sept. 12, 2023.

"This funding will help organizations on the ground provide emergency food assistance, health services, shelter, and mental health and psychosocial resources to assist the Moroccan-led response," Power said in a statement. "The United States is also sharing specialized technical expertise directly with the Moroccan government to bolster its ongoing emergency response."

"We stand ready to provide further support if requested by the Moroccan government," Power added.



Children play next to a camp for earthquake survivors in Asni, Morocco on Sept. 13, 2023.

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Death toll rises to 2,901

The death toll from the devastating earthquake has increased to 2,901.

Another 5,530 people are injured.



People watch as firefighters work on the rubble in the aftermath of a deadly earthquake in Tallat n'Yakoub, Morocco, Sept. 12, 2023.



Workers stand in the rubble in the aftermath of a deadly earthquake in Talat N'Yaaqoub, in Morocco, Sept. 12, 2023.

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Moroccan government still not accepting US support

State Department spokesperson Matt Miller confirmed Monday that the Moroccan government has still not taken

the United States up on its offer to provide support in its earthquake relief despite direct outreach from Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

Blinken spoke with Morocco's foreign minister this weekend and expressed his condolences, Miller said.

"They also discussed how the United States can best support the government of Morocco's leadership of the

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Asked whether the U.S. was providing any direct aid at the moment, Miller said, "We have made the offer for assistance and are in close consultations with the Moroccan government about how we can best provide that assistance."

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Casualty numbers climb as search and rescue operations continue

The number of casualties in the Moroccan earthquake has risen as search and rescue operations to find survivors continued on Saturday afternoon.

The Moroccan Interior Ministry confirmed that at least 820 people have died and 672 people have been injured.



A damaged vehicle is pictured in the historic city of Marrakech, following a powerful earthquake in Morocco, Sept. 9, 2023.

About half of the deaths were in the province of Al Haouz, which is near the epicenter of the quake, according to the Associated Press citing Moroccan state news agency (MAP). Authorities also recorded deaths in Taroudant, Chichaoua, Marrakech, Azilal, Ouarzazate, Agadir, Casablanca and Youssoufia, according to AP.

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