

296 Reported Dead As Powerful Earthquake Hits Morocco

Why In The News?

- A Powerful Earthquake With A Preliminary **Magnitude Of 6.8** Has Hit Morocco, **Killing At Least 296 People**, Injuring More Than 150, Damaging Buildings And Sending Local People Fleeing Into The Streets For Safety. Reported Number Of Dead And Injured Was A **Preliminary Figure**.



What Do We Know?

- The Interior Ministry Said Authorities Have "Mobilized All The Necessary Resources To Intervene And Help The Affected Areas". Hospitals In Marrakesh Reportedly Saw A "**Massive Influx**" Of Injured People.
- The Regional Blood Transfusion Centre In Marrakesh Has Called On Residents To **Donate Blood** For Those Injured. The Quake Struck **71 Kilometres Southwest** Of Tourist Hotspot Marrakesh At A **Depth Of 18.5 Kilometres** At **11:11 PM**, The US Geological Survey Said.
- **USGS's PAGER System**, Which Provides Preliminary Assessments On The Impact Of Earthquakes, Issued An **Orange Alert For Economic Losses**, Estimating Significant Damage Is Likely. Past Events With This Alert Level Have Required A Regional Or National-level Response, According To The US Government Agency.
- The Population In This Region Lives In Structures That Are **Highly Vulnerable To Earthquake Shaking**. Internet Connectivity Was Disrupted In Marrakesh Due To

Power Cuts, According To Global Internet Monitor Netblocks. Moroccan Media Reported It Was The **Most Powerful Earthquake To Hit The Country To Date.**

