

On 8 September 2023 at 23:11 [DST](#) (22:11 [UTC](#)), an [earthquake](#) with a [moment magnitude](#) of 6.8–6.9 and maximum [Mercalli intensity](#) of IX (*Violent*) struck Morocco's [Marrakesh–Safi region](#). The earthquake's [epicentre](#) was located 73.4 km (45.6 mi) southwest of [Marrakesh](#), near the town of [Ighil](#)^[1] and the [Oukaïmeden](#) ski resort in the [Atlas Mountains](#).^[2] It occurred as a result of shallow [oblique-thrust faulting](#) beneath the mountain range. At least 2,946 deaths were reported, with most occurring outside Marrakesh. Damage was widespread, and historic landmarks in Marrakesh were destroyed.^[3] The earthquake was also felt in Spain, Portugal, and Algeria.^{[4][5][6]}