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HM KING MOHAMMED VI, ANNOUNCES A 3-DAY NATIONAL MOURNING, FLAGS FASTING AT MAST

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USPA NEWS - The Royal Cabinet of Morocco, in Rabat, published an official press release on September 9, 2023, following the tragic earthquake which struck Morocco in the High Mountains, around Marrakech, and other cities, on September 9, causing more than two thousands death and hundreds of wounded. The earthquake disaster in the central part of the Kingdom of Morocco, caused severe damages as well. (We publish the entire communiqué, as it was delivered. USPA'S correspondent/ French Bureau, conveys her own condolences to the Moroccan people for their loss, speed recovery for the wounded)

HM, The King of Morocco, Mohammed VI, convened a crisis meeting, yesterday, at the Royal Cabinet to put in place the measures and priorities for action in the face of the damage of the tragic earthquake which took place on September 9, 2023 . At the end of this meeting, it was also decided to hold a national mourning for 3 days, with flags at half-mast on all public buildings, as well as the ministerial departments concerned, focused mainly on:

- Reinforcement of search and rescue resource
- The supply of drinking water to the affected areas;
- The distribution of food kits, tents, blankets for the victims

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enforcement services and civil protection teams, as well as the ministerial departments concerned, focused mainly on:

- Reinforcement of search and rescue resources and teams in order to speed up rescue operations and evacuation of injured persons;
- The supply of drinking water to the affected areas;
- The distribution of food kits, tents and blankets for the benefit of the victims;
- The rapid resumption of public services.

It is recalled in this regard that on the High Instructions of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, Supreme Leader and Chief of General Staff of the Royal Armed Forces, the FAR urgently deployed significant human and logistical resources, both air and land, as well as specialized intervention modules based on search and rescue teams and a field medical-surgical hospital.

In this context, His Majesty the King has given His Highest instructions with a view to promptly continuing the relief actions carried out on the ground, and with a view to:

- Immediately set up an interministerial commission responsible for deploying an emergency rehabilitation program and assistance for the reconstruction of destroyed housing in the disaster areas, as quickly as possible.
- Caring for people in distress, particularly orphans and vulnerable people.
- Immediate care for all people who find themselves homeless due to the earthquake, particularly in terms of accommodation, food and all other basic needs.
- The encouragement of economic operators with a view to a rapid resumption of activities in the areas concerned.

- The opening of a special account with the Treasury and Bank Al Maghrib, with a view to receiving voluntary solidarity contributions from citizens and private and public organizations.

- The full mobilization of the Mohammed V Foundation for Solidarity, in all its components, to provide support and accompaniment to citizens in the affected areas.

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