

## Mystery 'Blue Lights' Flash in Sky Moments Before Horror Morocco Earthquake that Killed More than 2,000

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Mystery blue lights were seen flashing in the sky just moments before the horror earthquake that killed 2,000 people in Morocco.

The intriguing bursts of light were captured on CCTV at a home in <u>Agadir</u> approximately three minutes before the disaster.

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Mystery blue lights were spotted in the sky moments before the Morocco earthquake



The intriguing footage was captured on CCTV at a home in Agadir

The short clip on X shows a single blue flash on the top left corner of the shot, followed by a second burst of light seconds later.

A similar phenomenon has been observed before the earthquake in <u>Turkey</u> earlier this year, which claimed the lives of 45,000 people.

The first recorded instance of earthquake lights on camera dates back to 1965 during a Japanese earthquake, The Jerusalem Post reports.

The mysterious lights have also been observed in <u>China</u> in 2008, <u>Italy</u> in 2009, and <u>Mexico</u> in 2017.

The cause of earthquake lights, or EQLs, remains shrouded in mystery, leaving unanswered questions about whether it serves as some sort of ominous sign of impending disasters.

Scientists suggest that this may be the release of energy as a result of the movement of lithospheric plates, National Geographic reports.

Analysing 65 earthquake light incidents for patterns in a 2014 study, adjunct physics professor and and NASA researcher Friedemann Freund described the phenomenon "as if you switched on a battery in the Earth's crust".

On Saturday, Morocco woke up to devastating damage following a major 7.2-magnitude earthquake – making it one of the deadliest disasters the country has seen for over 120 years.

More than 2,000 people are dead and 2,059 are injured after the monster tremor struck just after 11pm local time on Friday.

People were sent fleeing in terror from buildings, and those who could not escape were killed as houses collapsed in the guake in Morocco.

The shaking lasted several seconds and a 4.9-magnitude aftershock was recorded 19 minutes later.

The city of Marrakesh was shaken – but the villages in the country's remote High Atlas mountains bore the brute of the devastation.

Morroco is also popular with tourists, with the country welcoming some 700,000 Brits every year.

<u>Dozens of Brits broke off from holidays and business trips to queue for hours to give blood,</u> with others planning supply runs into areas worst hit by the shocks.

Others were setting up field kitchens for quake victims left homeless and hungry by the 6.8 magnitude Moroccan quake, which wiped villages off the map south of Marrakesh.

Britain's Foreign Office said it was sending 60 search and rescue specialists, four search dogs and equipment to the scene.

Teams are flying out on two huge RAF transporters provided by the MoD.

British NHS medics are also standing ready to airlift fully staffed mobile field hospitals to the disaster zone.

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