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More than 2,100 people have died and 2,400 have been left injured in Morocco after the earthquake which hit the Marrakech region on Friday night. At least four French people were killed and 15 injured. The city of Marrakech has started to bury its dead while searches continue for survivors in the rubble of collapsed buildings.

Several French associations and NGOs are waiting for the green light from Morocco to offer help on the ground. So far Morocco has accepted help from Qatar, Spain, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom in the form of search and rescue teams.

In Niger, the military regime has accused France of preparing a military intervention with the deployment of a French ship, aircraft and helicopters to several West African countries. After the July 26 coup, ECOWAS threatened military intervention in Niger, a decision supported by France, which has around 1,500 soldiers stationed there.

Météo France has announced the end of the orange heat wave alert from this morning. Temperatures should start to go down and approach seasonal norms with thunderstorms forecast in the west of the country.

And finally to tennis and Novak Djokovic won the US Open last night against Daniil Medvedev. This is Serbian Djokovic's 24th Grand Slam title, equalling the record that has been held by Australian player Margaret Court since the 1973 US Open. Djokovic will once again be ranked as World No.1 today, his 390th week in the top spot.