



The News

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The death toll continues to rise after the deadly earthquake which struck Morocco last weekend. More than 2,860 have been reported dead and 2,500 injured. The race against time continues for emergency services to try to find other survivors. For its part, the Moroccan government has so far accepted help from 4 countries: Spain, Great Britain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, all of whom have sent rescue teams there. In France, several associations continue to ask for donations.

At least 150 people are dead because of huge flooding after torrential rains in eastern Libya. This figure climbs to more than 2,000 deaths according to the authorities although no medical or emergency service source has confirmed this toll. This is the direct consequence of Storm Daniel which has already hit Greece, Turkey and Bulgaria in recent days. Last night, Emmanuel Macron announced that he was mobilizing resources to provide emergency aid.

Also in the news, there has been a new drama in Marseille where a 55-year-old man was shot dead in the 16th arrondissement of the city. It happened late yesterday evening. According to AFP, around forty people have been killed in Marseille since the start of the year. Since yesterday, a 24-year-old woman has been left brain dead after being hit in the head by a Kalashnikov bullet.

To sports news and a shock revelation in football. Paul Pogba has been provisionally suspended for doping. The French international and 2018 world champion tested positive for testosterone on the sidelines of the Udinese Juventus match on August the 20th, which was the first day of the Italian championship. The midfielder risks a four-year suspension.

And finally to other football news but this time on the pitch. The French team faces Germany this evening in a friendly in Dortmund. The German team is in the midst of a crisis after numerous worrying defeats, to the point where their coach Hansi Flick was sacked this weekend. For their part, the Blues continued their flawless performance last Thursday in qualifying for Euro 2024 against Ireland. Germany-France will kick off this evening at 9 o'clock.