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1. A luminous object goes across the sky and falls down into the sea. This phenomenon took place on Thursday evening. Complete disagreement among the witnesses, some say that there was a big explosion, others assert that they didn't hear anything.

On Thursday, around 1930 hours, the sky above Agadir was crossed by a very luminous object flying in the northeast - southwest direction.

The white trail left by the object turned into a rainbow. The object fell down into the sea with a deafening sound, according to some witnesses.

2. Is it one of those rockets which go out of control from time to time? It is possible but the idea that it might be a meteorite seems to be prevailing among the population.