

# A Modern-Day Plague: Millions of Locusts Descend on the Sahara

A massive locust swarm that recently engulfed a highway in the Western Sahara Desert near Boujdour, Morocco is drawing comparisons to scenes straight out of the Book of Exodus.

On Feb. 24, drivers traveling through the desert were suddenly overtaken by what Fox Weather described as “a massive swarm of locusts engulfing the road.”

Video footage shows cars pushing through a thick cloud of insects, with “thousands of them hurling themselves against passing cars and sometimes even obstructing the view.”

*Drivers in the Sahara plowed through massive swarms of locusts, with insects covering the road and crashing against vehicles near Boujdour. □*

– AccuWeather (@accuweather) February 26, 2026

The scene looked less like a routine weather event and more like something ancient and apocalyptic.

Reports indicate that the swarm did not remain confined to the desert. Some of the insects were reportedly blown by wind toward the Spanish islands, including Lanzarote and Tenerife. Officials there stressed that the locusts “don’t yet pose a direct threat to the public,” but acknowledged the potential for “serious agricultural damage.”

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has issued several critical updates in early 2026 regarding

the growing desert locust outbreak, underscoring the seriousness of the situation.



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According to the FAO, even a relatively small portion of a swarm is staggering in scale. "Just a single square-kilometer of a swarm of desert locusts can contain up to 80 million adults, with the capacity to consume the same amount of food in one day as 35,000 people," the agency said.

That level of consumption can devastate farmland in a matter of hours. As vegetation is stripped away, the consequences ripple outward, leading to economic impacts and environmental damage. Crops disappear. Livestock lose grazing land. Communities that depend on agriculture face uncertainty.

Compounding the threat is the insects' rapid reproduction. Females lay eggs quickly, allowing populations to expand at an alarming rate if conditions are favorable.

The FAO, which has extensive experience tracking desert locust populations, continues to support countries in managing what it calls a "destructive agricultural pest." But the images coming out of Western Sahara are a sobering reminder of how quickly nature can overwhelm modern infrastructure.

For drivers caught in the swarm, it was a startling and surreal moment. For farmers and officials watching the outbreak spread, it is a warning that the destructive power of locusts is not merely a story from Scripture, but a present-day reality with the potential to reshape entire regions.

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