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MORROCO SULTAN ESCAPES ASSASSINATION
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Sidi Mohammed ben Arafa, new Sultan recently enthroned was on Friday September 11th. riding on horseback from his Palace in RABAT to the Touranga Mosque for the Friday Moslem prayers. It was the first time he was going to this Friday ritual prayer since his enthronement.

Suddenly an old sedan car broke through the guards and crowds lined along the Sultan's route, and rode directly on the Sultan's horse which fell on the ground with the Sultan. A "Black Guard" French officer who was out of duty but on the spot jumped on the car's fender, and sent a blow to the driver who was already taking a butcher's knife out of his djellabah. Immediately the Sultan's guards fired on the murderer who was wounded to death and died a few minutes later on the spot. However the Sultan got up immediately and his calm unruffled walked to the Mosque with his escort to attend the Prayers. His horse had a broken leg and was shot on the spot. After the prayers, the Sultan rode back to the Palace in his State Coach.

The French Police Officer who intercepted the killer was seriously wounded by the knife,

The killer was Allal ben Abdallah, 28 years old house painter and lived in Rabat. His wife is an 3rd "Alaouia", a distant relative of the imperial house of Alaouite which has ruled Morocco since 1659. The new Sultan, as was his predecessor, is a descendent of this family. By mentioning the ancestry of the woman, police indicated that the incident was a personal affair and stated that in any case the attacker had acted on his own and in no connection with pro-independence forces in the country.