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RABAT (Reuters) - Morocco's King Mohammed said he will not cede to "demagoguery" a day after thousands of Moroccans took to the street to demand he gives up some of his powers to a newly elected government.

The monarch, speaking after he chaired a ceremony for long-awaited appointments of members of a Social and Economic Council, said that building an effective democracy should go hand in hand with sustainable human development.

The remarks were carried by the official MAP news agency.

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