

## LARGEST IN HUMAN HISTORY:



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# Over 43 MILLION JOIN FUNERAL CEREMONIES FOR MARTYR LEADER IN IRAN, IRAQ

The six-day grand farewell and burial rites for the revered Leader were held across five cities -- Tehran, Qom, Najaf, Karbala, and Mashhad -- drawing massive, passionate crowds that defied all previous records, the Fars News Agency reported.

The ceremonies included three days in Tehran, two days of public mourning at the Grand Mosalla and one day of the main funeral procession, with each of the other cities hosting a full day of tributes. Many mourners traveled between cities, multiplying the scale of participation and creating a continuous wave of devotion.

Official estimates, compiled from multiple independent field and government sources, confirm that between 41 and 43 million people took part in the historic events.

These figures are based on a rigorous combination of data including public transport passenger records to and from ceremony sites, active mobile phone signals in key areas such as the Mosalla and main procession routes, average individual attendance duration of approximately two and a half



hours, detailed crowd density calculations along Tehran's procession paths, physical area measurements from Jamkaran Mosque to the Holy Shrine in

Qom, and the route from the airport to the Imam Reza Holy Shrine in Mashhad. The endless sea of mourners, who had gathered since early morning,

accompanied the vehicle carrying the blessed bodies, transforming the streets of Mashhad into a scene of unparalleled grandeur and devotion.

The sheer scale of the gathering defied description. From the moment the funeral vehicle entered Imam Reza Street, it was completely surrounded by

waves of mourners who had traveled from every corner of Iran, all united in grief and determination. Their tear-streaked faces and fervent chants filled

the air, creating an atmosphere that observers described as one of the most remarkable displays of national unity in recent history. Iraqi authorities, through the Prime Minister's Office, separately verified the presence of around 10 million mourners in Najaf and Karbala, providing an important independent pillar for the overall calculation.

Even when applying the most conservative methodologies, Iranian officials and relevant authorities emphasize that this monumental event has surpassed every comparable gathering of the past century.

It stands without doubt as the single largest funeral procession in recorded history, a powerful and everlasting testament to the deep love and unwavering allegiance of the Iranian people and the broader Islamic Ummah for their martyred Leader. The Leader and members of his family were martyred in a terrorist attack on February 28, carried out by the United States and the Zionist regime against the leader's residence.

Among those martyred were new Leader Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Khamenei's wife,

## Iran will continue on martyred Leader's path of dignity, steadfastness: Army chief

Iran's Army Commander Major General Amir Hatami has commended the nation for its historic participation in the funeral ceremonies for the martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution, saying the turnout serves as a clear message to the enemies that the path of Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei would continue with strength.



He made the remarks in a message addressed to Iranians on Friday, one day after the late Leader was laid to rest in holy

city of Mashhad following million-strong funeral rites in Iran and Iraq. He said that the huge turnout of Iranians, Muslims, and freedom-loving people in the funeral procession was a magnificent testament to the unbreakable bond between the nation and the ideals that have been made everlasting through the pure blood of the martyrs. "The path of the Islamic Revolution's martyred Leader is a flowing spring that will continue to run, sustained by the resolve and determination of

this nation; it is a path anchored in the pillars of truth, justice, and resistance—one whose radiance no enemy plot or scheme has power to extinguish," he said.

"As its glorious history attests, Islamic Iran emerges from arduous trials with even firmer resolve and steadier steps to pursue its course. Once again, with redoubled effort, Iran will bring to fruition the ideals of the Revolution's martyred Imam and uphold the enduring path of dignity, independence, and

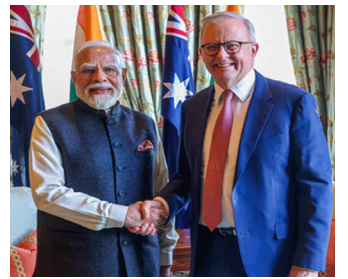
steadfastness." Hatami also expressed his profound gratitude to all Iranians and Iraqis who bid farewell to the martyred Leader, voiced their abhorrence of the heinous crime committed by despicable enemies, and renewed their allegiance to Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Khamenei.

He further thanked Iranian police, security, Army and medical forces who contributed to the funeral ceremonies.

## RUSSIA, CHINA REJECT WESTERN PUSH TO USE UNSC AGAINST IRAN AFTER RESOLUTION 2231 EXPIRY

Russia and China opposed a Western-backed UN Security Council meeting on Iran on Friday, stressing that Resolution 2231 expired in October 2025 and that the Council no longer has a mandate to discuss Tehran's nuclear file, despite the meeting proceeding after a procedural vote. Russia and China pushed back against Western efforts to keep Iran on the UN Security Council's agenda on Friday, saying Resolution 2231 has expired and that the Council no longer has any legal authority to consider Tehran's nuclear dossier. The meeting was convened at the request of the European members of the Security Council despite objections from Moscow and Beijing. It went ahead after a procedural vote passed with 11 votes in favor, two against and two abstentions. Resolution 2231, adopted in 2015 to endorse the JCPOA (Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action) or the nuclear deal signed between Iran and 5+1, expired on October 18, 2025.

## PM MODI: AUSTRALIA TRIP OPENS NEW COOPERATION AVENUES



Melbourne: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday expressed confidence that the outcomes of his visit to Australia have further strengthened bilateral ties and opened new avenues for cooperation across diverse sectors. PM Modi on Friday explained for New Zealand after concluding his three-day visit to Australia. Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong, Australia's High Commissioner to India Philip Green and other officials saw off PM Modi at the airport. "As my Australia visit concludes, I express my heartfelt gratitude to the Government and people of Australia as well as to PM Albanese for their warmth. The outcomes of this visit have further strengthened our partnership and opened new avenues for cooperation across diverse sectors."

## Israel wipes out villages, attacks civilians after US-led deal with Lebanese government

Israel has escalated its destructive attacks on south Lebanon, refusing to withdraw its occupation forces from the country, despite contradictory statements from the United States.

The occupying regime conducted a drone attack on the village of Kfar Dajjal in Southern Lebanon on Friday, leaving two people injured.

Amid systematic attacks on the civilian infrastructure in the southern regions that aim to displace their inhabitants, massive explosions rocked the town of al-Khiam and the village of al-Qantara.

Mre Lebanese homes were blown up by the occupation forces on Thursday in violation of the alleged ceasefire.



According to Lebanon's National News Agency (NNA), Israeli forces rigged and razed multiple homes

across the country's occupied towns and villages.

"Israeli occupation forces carried out a demolition operation targeting a number of homes in the town of Hadatha, in the Bint Jbeil District," NNA reported.

The agency also reported rigging and detonation activities in the town of Houla, as well as overnight destruction of infrastructure in Khiam. Five massive blasts in Khiam were heard across multiple areas of South Lebanon early on Thursday.

## Three dead, one injured after building collapses in Delhi's Rohini amid heavy rain

The Delhi Fire Services received information about the collapse at around 4:20 p.m., following which four fire tenders were rushed to the spot.

New Delhi: At least three people died after an under-construction building collapsed in Delhi's Rohini Sector 16, while one person was injured, according to the Delhi Fire Services.

The incident occurred on Wednesday evening following heavy rainfall in the national capital. The Delhi Fire Services received information about the collapse at around 4:20

p.m., following which four fire tenders were rushed to the spot.

Teams from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and other emergency agencies also reached the site.

Local residents joined the rescue teams and assisted in the operation. During the rescue, 42-year-old Ram Kishore was pulled out from beneath the debris and

rushed to a hospital, where he was declared brought dead. Another labourer, Ravi, 35, a POP worker, was rescued safely.

The building owner, Ram Dua was suspected to be trapped under the rubble, while a few labourers are also feared to be trapped inside the collapsed structure. Delhi Police have registered a case against the building owner.