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# Arbaeen pilgrims flocking to Karbala



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Huge crowds of pilgrims are descending on the city of Karbala that hosts the holy shrine of Imam Hussein (PBUH) to mark Arbaeen that comes 40 days after the martyrdom anniversary of the third Shia Imam. The occasion reaches its zenith on September 6, this year.

The Arbaeen march is an annual event symbolizes the fight against oppression and the struggle for freedom. Every year, millions of Shia Muslims from different countries travel to Iraq to visit Imam Hussein's shrine. The march is meant to sympathize with the Imam on the pains he endured during the battle of Karbala more than 13 centuries ago.



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