

two hours before the sunset call to prayer in the Maghsurah Portico of the Goharshad Mosque, welcoming Qur’anic-minded teenagers from Imam Reza (PBUH) Shrine.

‘Step by step’ youth service event
The “Step by Step” youth service event will be held at Imam Reza (PBUH) Shrine with the participation of 600 female and male teenagers.
From August 8 to 10, between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. local time, the teenagers will serve pilgrims in several areas, including sprinkling rosewater, distributing water and sherbet, assisting elderly pilgrims, supervising children’s activities, explaining the meaning of pilgrimage, and reciting pilgrimage texts for visitors.
The boys will serve in the Ghadir Courtyard and Goharshad Mosque, while the girls will serve in the Imam Khomeini Portico and Dar al-Hojjah Portico.

‘Book Reading Podium’ cultural program
The “Book Reading Podium” cultural program, centered on introducing and reading excerpts from the book “Memento,” will be held every day at 5:30 p.m. local time for one hour in the Quds Courtyard of Imam Reza (PBUH) Shrine. During the program, pilgrims and residents will stand behind the podium and read sections of the book. At the end of each session, selected participants will be honored with the presentation of blessed gifts from Imam Reza (PBUH) Shrine.

‘Amin’ knowledge campaign
The “Amin” knowledge campaign is also being held at Imam Reza (PBUH) Shrine concurrent with the final 10 days of Safar. As part of this campaign, 35 educational flashcards for each participant, totaling 700,000 copies, will be produced and distributed among pilgrims. The content of these flashcards includes stories of Imam Reza (PBUH), narratives from the life of the martyred Leader, selected excerpts from his messages, and passages from the Aminullah Pilgrimage text.
In the field of production and distribution of cultural products, a collection of written works and educational products tailored to different groups of pilgrims is offered at Imam Reza (PBUH) Shrine. Additionally, crafts with Razavi themes, including the Naghareh Khaneh, the Saqqakhaneh (public drinking fountain), and service tents, have been prepared for children and adolescents.

‘Elegy of the Sun’ cultural competitions
The “Elegy of the Sun” series of cultural competitions is also held during the final 10 days of Safar with the aim of deepening the pilgrims’ connection with Razavi teachings. These competitions are designed using field and virtual capacities, and different age groups and nationalities can participate in them.
This program includes weekly written competitions, the “Memento” book reading competition focused on the explanation of the letter of Imam Reza (PBUH) to Hazrat Abdul Azim Hasani and held in the Quds Courtyard after the noon prayer, the interactive and challenging competition “Victorious Stranger,” special competitions for children in the children’s portico, special competitions for non-Iranian pilgrims in the Ghadir Courtyard, and text-message competitions concurrent with the mourning ceremonies.

Ten content-based portico murals
In the field of environmental advertising, 10 content-based portico murals will be installed in different areas of Imam Reza (PBUH) Shrine. These portico murals are designed using ritual and Razavi poetry, as well as poems by the martyred Leader. Alongside these, special graphic designs will be executed in the main porticos of the shrine and the U-turns leading to the shrine.
A special traffic plan for pilgrims will also be implemented for visiting the tomb of the martyred Leader in the Dar al-Zikr Portico. In this plan, two dedicated paths for men and two paths for women have been designated. Shrine servants will be stationed along the four paths to guide pilgrims, organize queues, answer questions, and assist the elderly and disabled. Additionally, the space and floral arrangements around the tomb will be continuously maintained.

Diverse media and virtual space programs
In the media and virtual space section, diverse programs are implemented to cover the events of the final 10 days of Safar and reflect the atmosphere of the shrine to domestic and international audiences. These programs include live broadcasts from specific locations of the shrine, such as the Naghareh Khaneh and minarets, coverage of the children’s portico programs, the execution of the “Challenge with Servants,” live coverage of the Ghadir Courtyard, and the production of multi-language content, podcasts, music videos, and video clips.

Establishment of the ‘Imam Jawad’ service tent (mukib)
Outside the shrine and along the routes leading to Mashhad, the “Imam Jawad” (PBUH) service tent run by shoe-keeper servants on the Neyshabur-Mashhad axis, and the “Miqat al-Reza” service tent run by doorkeeper servants on the Sarakhs-Mashhad axis, are providing services to pilgrims traveling on foot. These service tents provide facilities including catering, accommodation, welfare services, health and medical care, guidance, and cultural and promotional programs.

‘Sanctuary’ special program
The “Sanctuary” special program, centered on performing the prayer of supplication to Imam Mahdi (PBUH), is held every day at 10:45 a.m. local time in the Ayat. Tabrizi Sanctuary, as well as on August 6 and 13 after the noon prayer in the Najma Khatun Portico. The “Ascension of the Believers” special program, centered on the voluntary prayer of the Great Prophet (PBUH), will be held on the night of August 11, and “Prostration in the Eighth Sanctuary,” centered on the voluntary prayer of Imam Reza (PBUH), will be held on the night of August 12, immediately after the sunset and night prayers in the late Ayat. Nahavandi Sanctuary.
Services for correcting the recitation of pilgrims’ prayers are also provided every day in two time slots, from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. local times, in the sanctuaries of Ayat. Tabrizi and Ayat. Nahavandi, as well as the Dar al-Velayah Portico.

‘Service in Paradise’ initiative
The “Service in Paradise” initiative offers honorary service opportunities for men and women aged 17 to 55. Initial registration



People prepare a service tent (mukib) in a road leading to the holy city of Mashhad, northeastern Iran, on August 8, 2026, to accommodate weary pilgrims on their way to participate in the rituals of the final 10 days of Safar, the second month of the Islamic lunar calendar.
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is facilitated through the Nasim Razavi software and the Razavi Servant system, with daily service commitments ranging from two to four hours. The service reservation time for men is set from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and for women from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. local time. Areas of service include wheelchair assistance and cleaning duties. Offices for this plan are located in the Islamic Revolution Courtyard, adjacent to the eastern door of the Abbasi Portico, in Room 120 for women and Room 124 for men.
In the ceremonial sector for incense burning and rosewater sprinkling, the rosewater is sourced primarily from the regions of Kashan, Torbat-e Heydariyeh, and Shiraz. Rosewater sprinkling is performed in the Naghareh Khaneh Portico, the Bab al-Salam entrance, the Abbasi Portico, the Clock Portico, the Telegraph House Portico, all enclosures, shrine entrances, and the tea houses of Imam Reza (PBUH). In open spaces, this service is carried out by mobile teams involving approximately 20 servants. Incense burning is also conducted along the access routes, in the courtyards, and at the main entrances of the holy shrine daily from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. local time with about 40 servants in attendance.

A young man pours tea into cups to be distributed among the pilgrims of the Imam Reza (PBUH) Shrine in the holy city of Mashhad, northeastern Iran.
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Traditional ‘Evening of the Strangers’ ceremony
The traditional “Sham-e-Ghariban” (meaning “Evening of the Strangers”) ceremony, marking the night of the martyrdom of Imam Reza (PBUH), will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2026, after the evening prayers, beginning from the area of the central organization of Astan Quds Razavi at the Shohada intersection. The servants, including attendants, door-keepers, shoe-keepers, and guards, will move toward the holy shrine in the form of a mourning delegation. Leading the delegation, 14 door-keepers will carry burning candles. The ceremony will take place at the Golden Portico of the Islamic Revolution Courtyard and the area between the Clock Portico and the Steel Window; approximately 25 percent of the courtyard space will be allocated for the deployment of staff.

Organization of religious delegations at Imam Reza (PBUH) Shrine
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final 10 days of Safar, four routes — Bab al-Jawad, Sheikh Tusi, Sheikh Tabarsi, and Navvab Safavi — have been designated as entry points for mourning groups. After entering the holy shrine, the delegations are directed to the Islamic Revolution Courtyard and are stationed in the area behind the Steel Window. The use of drums and cymbals within the holy shrine is prohibited, and the entry of banners, standards, and flags of the delegations is permitted provided that regulations are observed. Measures for crowd management and density control during peak hours have also been anticipated.
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Accommodation spots and daily hot meals for pilgrims
On the eve of the final 10 days of Safar, the Karamat Razavi Foundation has prepared an extensive program to serve the pilgrims of Imam Reza (PBUH); a program centered on accommodation, catering, and welfare and cultural services in the areas surrounding the holy shrine and along the routes leading to the holy city of Mashhad.
Based on the forecast announced by the Social Services Department of the Karamat Razavi Foundation, the service tent on Martyr Shushtari Street will be active for three days with a capacity to accommodate 5,000 people, distributing breakfast, lunch, and dinner, alongside snacks such as local cookies, tea, sherbet, and fruit among pilgrims. In the Tapol-Mahaleh and Rezvan Garden path, space has been prepared for the accommodation of 3,000 people, where 18 diverse services, including medical services, stroller and wheelchair repair, laundry services, massage, and cultural booths, will be offered to pilgrims.
Additionally, 15 provincial Razavi service tents will be deployed in these same locations to provide main catering and snacks for pilgrims. Throughout Mashhad, support for the service tents is provided through the distribution of food and welfare items such as meat, legumes, rice, tea, oil, and mineral water, and an ice-making machine with the capacity to produce 800 blocks of ice per day will be placed at the service of the tents. Furthermore, 15 organizations and Razavi service tents are participating in the preparation and distribution of food.

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