

Table 1 Attendance at major mass gatherings in the Middle East and North Africa region

Event	Type	Estimated attendance
Afghanistan		
Nawroz	Cultural	150 000–300 000
Egypt		
International Egyptian marathon	Sport	>1500
Mohammed's (BPUH) birthday (Nile Delta)	Religious	3 million
Iraq		
Anniversary of death of Imam Alhussain	Religious	3–4 million
40th day of Imam Alhussain	Religious	5–6 million
Anniversary of birth of Imam Almahdi	Religious	5–6 million
Jordan		
Dead Sea Ultra Marathon	Sport	>4000
Jerash Festival of Culture and Arts	Cultural	100 000
Eid event in Aqaba city	Religious	70 000–100 000
Morocco		
Moussems	Religious	30 000–100 000
Marrakech international marathon	Sport	>5000
Pakistan		
Basant Festival	Cultural	100 000
Tablighi Ijtema	Religious	>500 000
Dawat-e-Islamie	Religious	200 000
Urs events of famous saints	Religious	300 000–400 000
Saudi Arabia		
Hajj	Religious	3 million
Riyadh Motor Show	Trade	96 000 during 5 days
Saudi International Motor Show	Trade	>100 000 during 5 days
Al Janadriyah Heritage and Cultural Festival	Cultural	> 1 million during 2 weeks
Syrian Arab Republic		
Bosra festival	Cultural	1.2–2.5 million over 10 days
Anniversary of death of Imam Alkadhem	Religious	5–6 million
Yemen		
Al-Hamdi mass gathering	Religious	12 000–45 000
20th Gulf Cup (football)	sport	60 000