



A Muslim pilgrim prays atop Mount Al-Noor during the annual Hajj pilgrimage in Mecca November 9, 2010. (REUTERS/Mohammed Salem)



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A general view shows the Saudi holy city of Mecca, as seen from the top of Noor mountain, late on November 13, 2010. (MUSTAFA OZER/AFP/Getty Images) #



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A Saudi worker stitches Islamic calligraphy in gold thread on a silk drape to cover the Kaaba at the Kiswa factory in Mecca< Saudi Arabia on November 8, 2010. The Kaaba cover is called Kiswa and is changed every year at the culmination of the annual Hajj or pilgrimage. (MUSTAFA OZER/AFP/Getty Images) #



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An Indian Hajj pilgrim holds prayer beads prior to his departure for Mecca at the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport in Ahmedabad, India on October 26, 2010. (SAM PANTHAKY/AFP/Getty Images) #



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Saudi Arabian men ride on the newly-opened Holy Sites metro light rail in Mecca on November 2, 2010. The Chinese-built monorail project, will link Mecca with the holy sites of Mina, Arafat and Muzdalifah, and will operate for the first time during the Hajj this month at 35 percent capacity to ferry Saudi nationals who will take part in the upcoming annual Muslim pilgrimage. (AMER HILABI/AFP/Getty Images) #



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Saudi special forces show their skills during a military parade in preparation for the Hajj in the Saudi city of Mecca on November 10, 2010. (MUSTAFA OZER/AFP/Getty Images) #



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Saudi special forces take part in a military parade, preparing for the Hajj in Mecca on November 10, 2010. (MUSTAFA OZER/AFP/Getty Images) #



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Saudi workers load carboys of "zamzam" water containers at the Zamazamah United Office in Mecca, on November 7, 2010. According to Islamic belief, zamzam is a miraculously-generated source of water from God, which began thousands of years ago when Abraham's infant son Ishmael was thirsty and crying for water and discovered a well by kicking the ground. Millions of pilgrims visit the well each year while performing the Hajj or Umrah pilgrimages, in order to drink its water. (MUSTAFA OZER/AFP/Getty Images)

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Thousands of tents housing Muslim pilgrims are crowded together in Mina near Mecca, Saudi Arabia, Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010. (AP Photo/Hassan Ammar) #



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Muslim pilgrims walk past construction outside the Grand Mosque during the annual Hajj in Mecca, Saudi Arabia on Friday, Nov. 12, 2010. (AP Photo/Hassan Ammar) #



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Muslim pilgrims are seen on their way towards a rocky hill called Mount Arafat, on the Plain of Arafat near Mecca, Saudi Arabia on Monday, Nov. 15, 2010. (AP Photo/Hassan Ammar) #



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An ambulance is parked among thousands of Muslim pilgrims praying near the Namira Mosque at Mount Arafat, southeast of the Saudi holy city of Mecca, on November 15, 2010. Pilgrims flooded into the Arafat plain from Mecca and Mina before dawn for a key ritual around the site where prophet Mohammed gave his farewell sermon on this day in the Islamic calendar 1,378 years ago. Pilgrims spend the day at Arafat in reflection and reading the Koran. (MUSTAFA OZER/AFP/Getty Images) #



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Muslim pilgrims pray outside Namira mosque in Arafat near Mecca, Saudi Arabia, Monday, Nov. 15, 2010. (AP Photo/Hassan Ammar) #



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Pilgrims fill the streets in prayer, near Namira mosque in Arafat, Saudi Arabia on Monday, Nov. 15, 2010. (AP Photo/Hassan Ammar) #



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A Muslim man visits the Hira cave on Noor mountain late on November 13, 2010 during the annual Hajj. According to tradition, Islam's Prophet Mohammed received his first message to preach Islam while praying in the cave. (MUSTAFA OZER/AFP/Getty Images) #



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A Muslim pilgrim holds his daughter on Mount Arafat on the plains of Arafat, outside the holy city of Mecca on November 15, 2010. (REUTERS/Mohammed Salem) #



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Pilgrims pray on the side of Mount Arafat, near Mecca, Saudi Arabia on Monday, Nov. 15, 2010. (AP Photo/Hassan Ammar) #



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Pilgrims climb up Mount Arafat on the Plain of Arafat in Saudi Arabia on Monday, Nov. 15, 2010. (AP Photo/Hassan Ammar) #



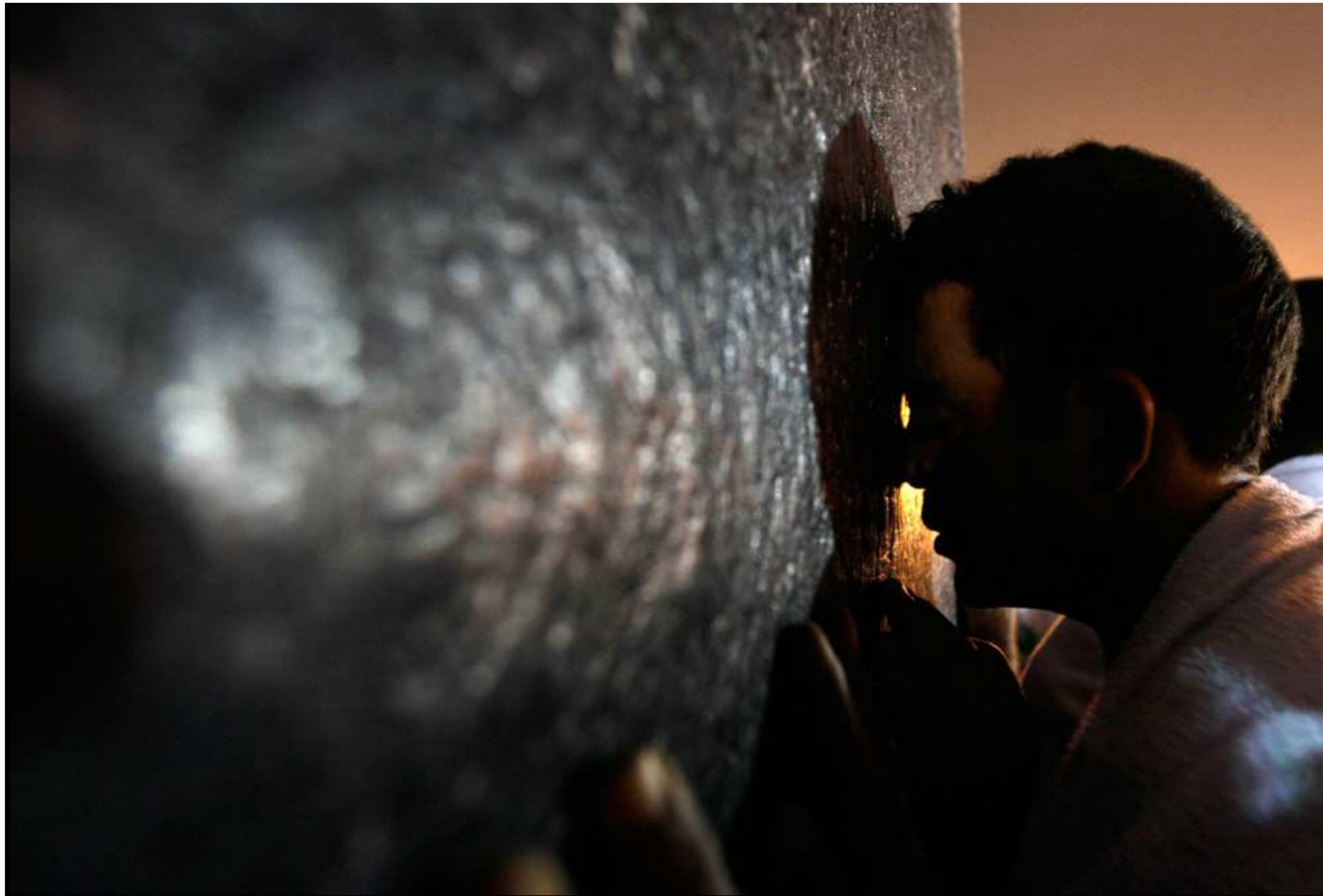
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A Muslim pilgrim reads the Koran at Mount Al-Noor during the annual Hajj on November 11, 2010. (REUTERS/Mohammed Salem) #



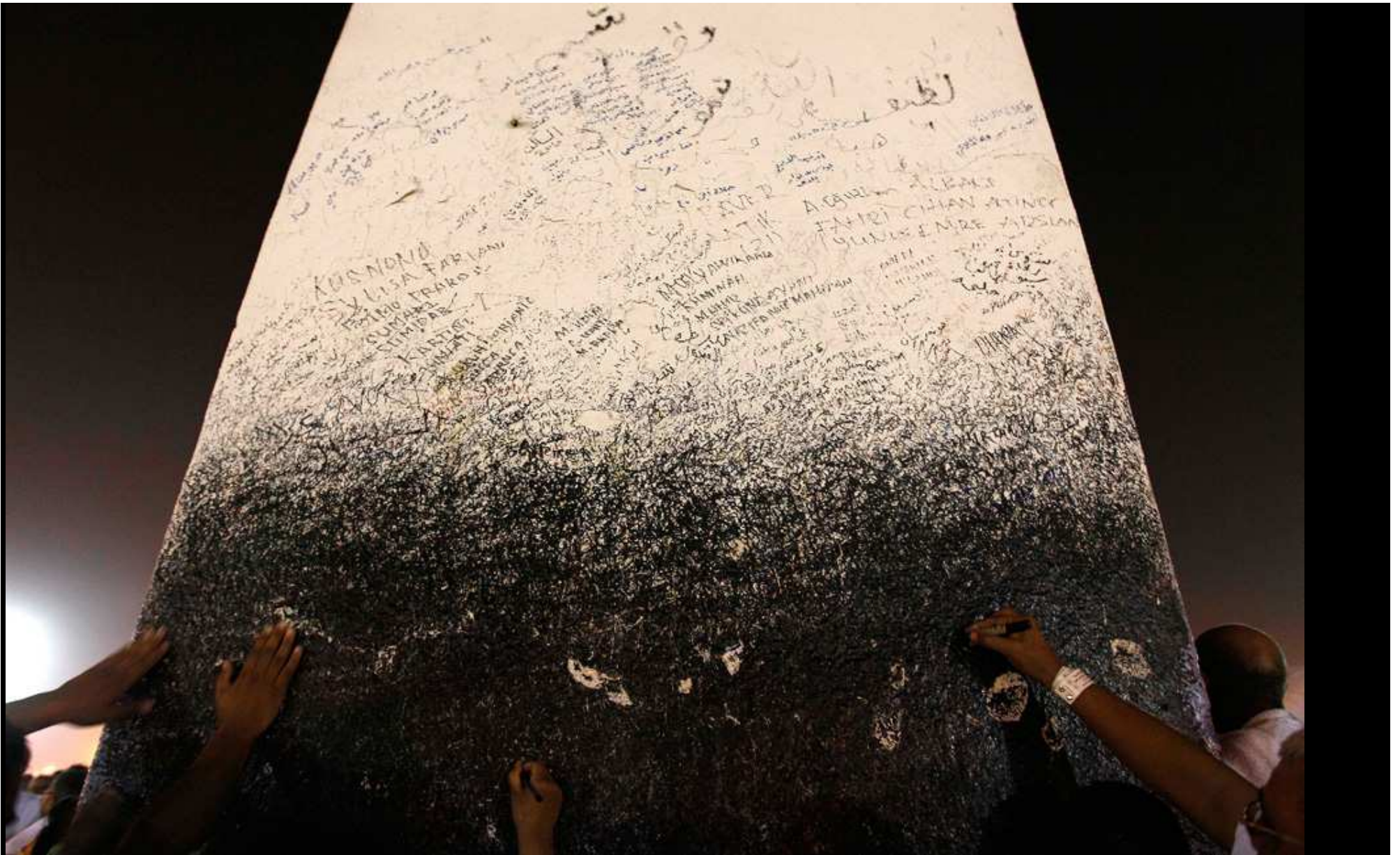
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Muslims on the Hajj pilgrimage take a rest in Mina near Mecca, Saudi Arabia on November 15, 2010. (REUTERS/ Fahad Shadeed) #



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His head resting on the Jabal al-Rahma pillar, a Muslim pilgrim prays atop Mount Arafat near Mecca, Saudi Arabia on Monday, Nov. 15, 2010. (AP Photo/Hassan Ammar) #



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Muslims touch and write on the Jabal al-Rahma pillar on Mount Arafat in Saudi Arabia on Monday, Nov. 15, 2010. (AP Photo/Hassan Ammar) #



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Muslim pilgrims pray atop Mount Arafat, southeast of Mecca, on November 15, 2010. Pilgrims flooded into the Arafat plain from Mecca and Mina before dawn for a key ritual around the site where prophet Mohammed gave his farewell sermon on this day in the Islamic calendar 1,378 years ago. (MUSTAFA OZER/AFP/Getty Images) #



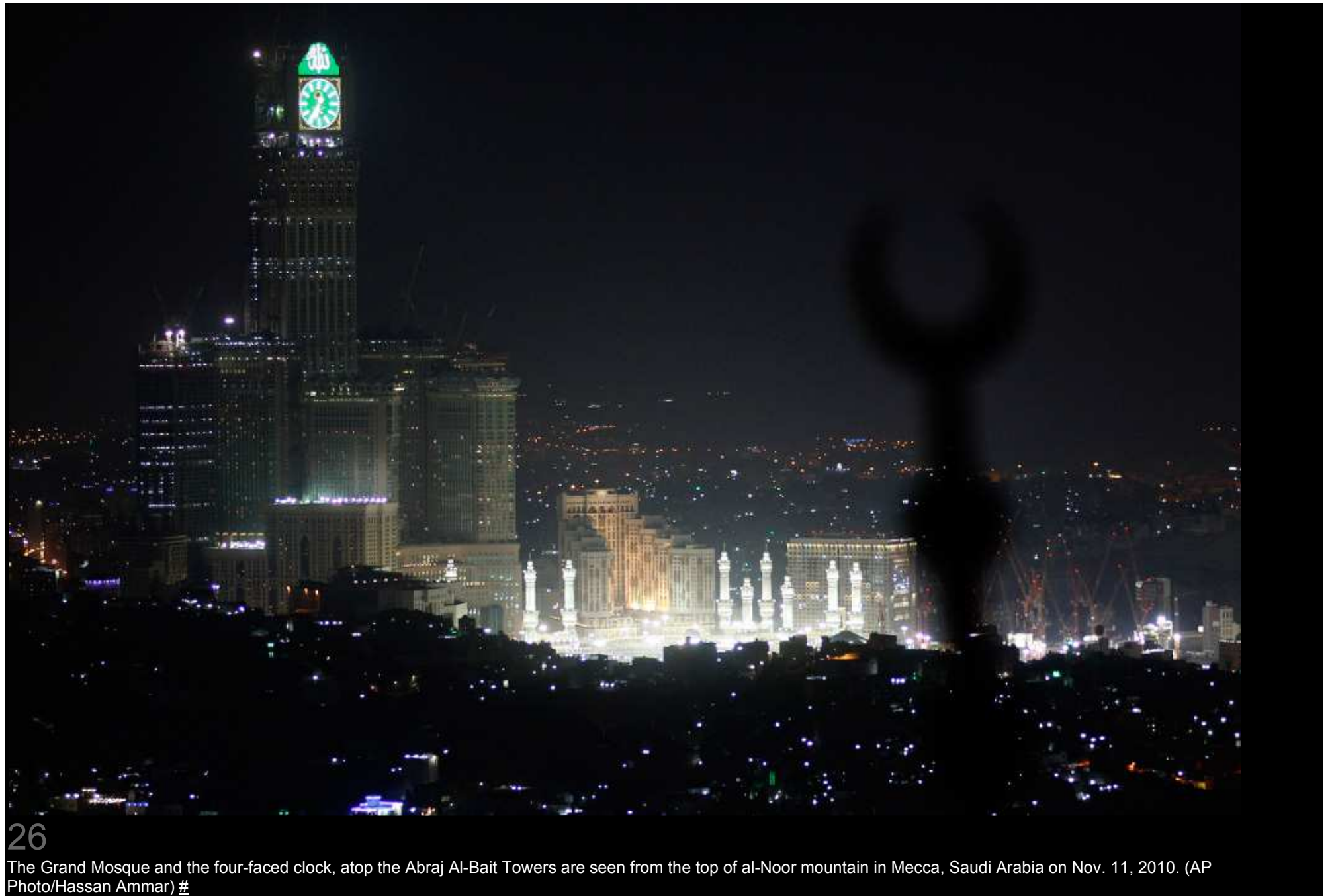
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At sunset, a Muslim man prays on Mount Arafat, near Mecca, Saudi Arabia on Monday, Nov. 15, 2010. (AP Photo/Hassan Ammar) #



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Muslim pilgrims stand on top of Noor mountain where the Hira cave is located overlooking Mecca late on November 13, 2010. (MUSTAFA OZER/AFP/Getty Images) #



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The Grand Mosque and the four-faced clock, atop the Abraj Al-Bait Towers are seen from the top of al-Noor mountain in Mecca, Saudi Arabia on Nov. 11, 2010. (AP Photo/Hassan Ammar) #



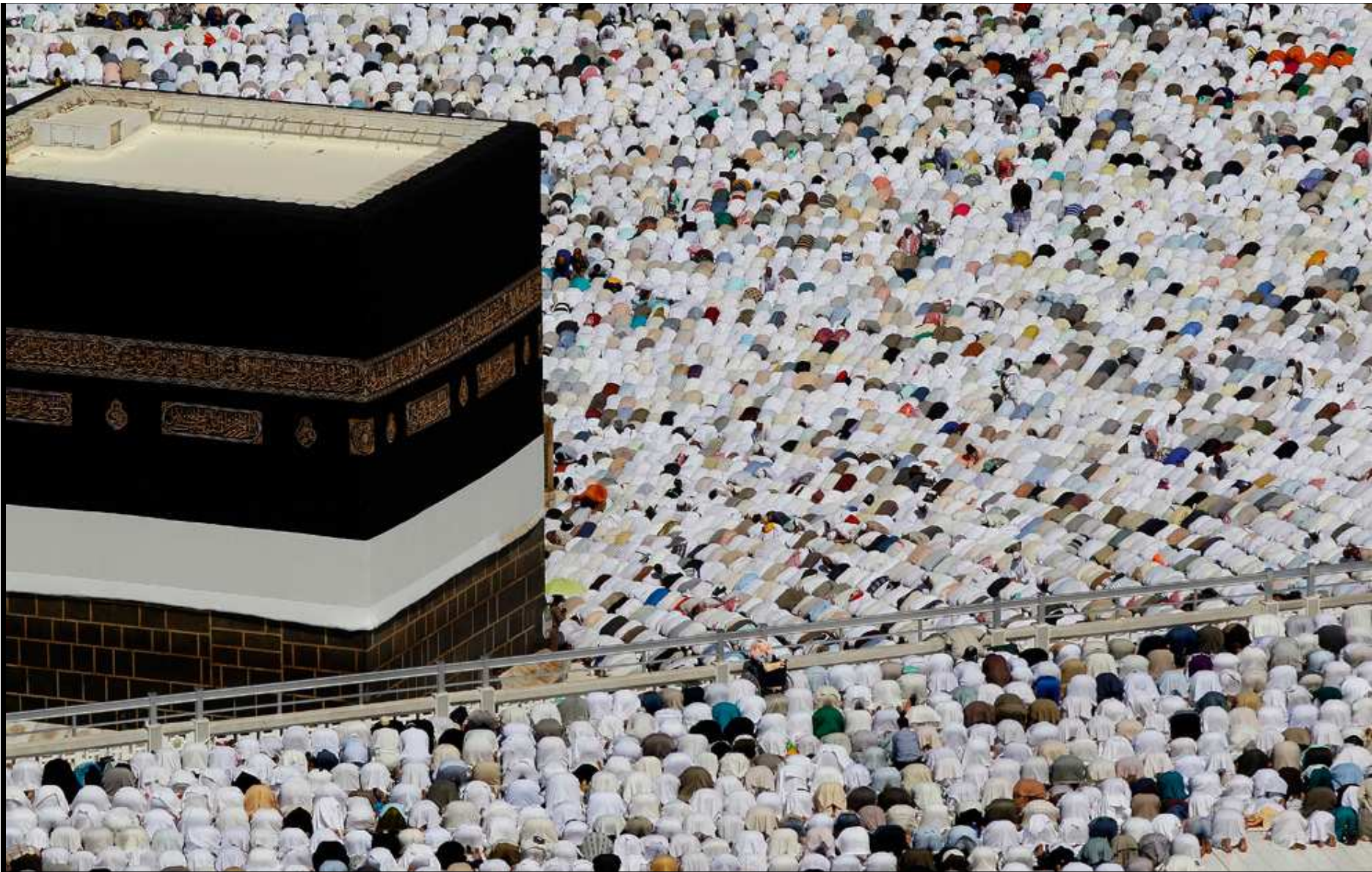
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The massive new clock atop the newly-completed Abraj Al-Bait Towers, above tens of thousands of Muslim pilgrims walking around the Kaaba, inside the Grand Mosque in Mecca, Saudi Arabia on Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010. (AP Photo/Hassan Ammar) #



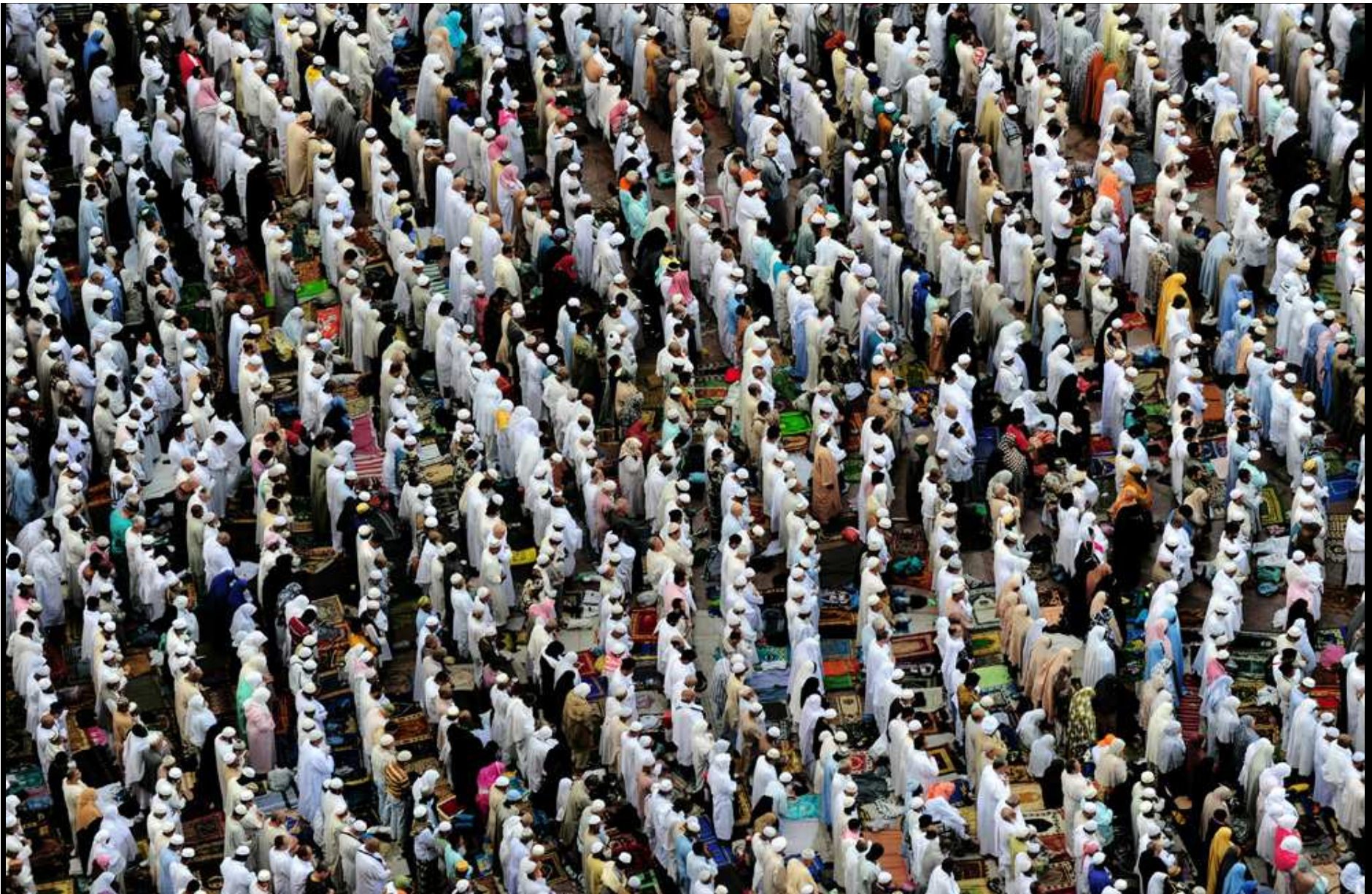
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Muslim pilgrims circle the Kaaba at the center of the Grand mosque in Mecca during the annual Hajj pilgrimage November 11, 2010. (REUTERS/Mohammed Salem) #



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Tens of thousands of Muslim pilgrims pray inside the Grand Mosque, during the annual Hajj in Mecca, Saudi Arabia on Friday, Nov. 12, 2010. (AP Photo/Hassan Ammar) #



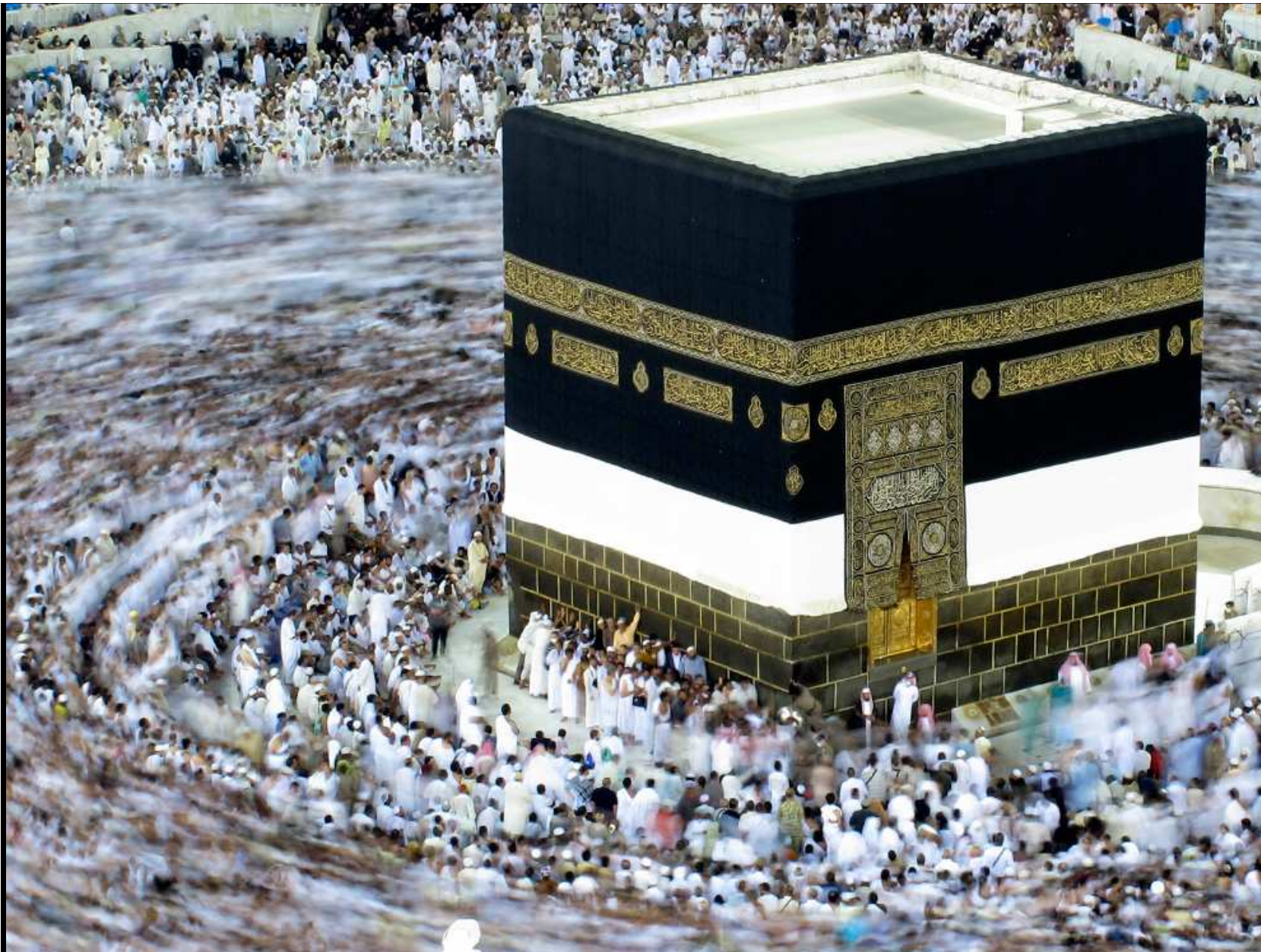
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Muslim pilgrims perform Friday prayers in front of the Grand Mosque in Mecca, on November 12, 2010. (MUSTAFA OZER/AFP/Getty Images) #



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In shadows and sunlight, thousands of Muslim pilgrims pray inside the Grand Mosque in Mecca, Saudi Arabia on Friday, Nov. 12, 2010. (AP Photo/Hassan Ammar) #



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Muslim pilgrims move around the Kaaba, inside the Grand Mosque in Mecca, Saudi Arabia on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010. (AP Photo/Hassan Ammar) #



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Muslim pilgrims reach to touch the golden doors of the Kaaba as they perform their walk around the Kaaba at the Grand Mosque in Mecca early on the morning of November 9, 2010. (MUSTAFA OZER/AFP/Getty Images) #



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A Muslim pilgrim prays at the top of Noor Mountain, on the outskirts of Mecca, Saudi Arabia on Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010. (AP Photo/Hassan Ammar) #