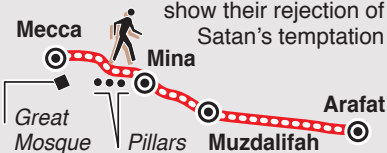


Hajj – major disasters

At least 345 people were crushed to death as pilgrims flocked to the al-Jamarat Bridge in Mina to perform a stoning ritual on the final day of the hajj pilgrimage



Stoning ritual: On reaching Mina, pilgrims jostle toward first of three pillars, casting seven stones at it to show their rejection of Satan's temptation



Jan 5, 2006: Pilgrims' hostel in Mecca collapses, killing 76 people

2004: 244 die in stampede at Mina

1998: 118 die in stampede at Mina

1997: 343 die in fire at Mina camp

1994: 270 die in stampede at Mina

1990: Stampede in tunnel kills 1,426