

# Halabja Monument

The Halabja Monument stands as a solemn tribute to the victims of the horrific chemical attack perpetrated on the city on March 16, 1988. This poignant structure serves as a permanent reminder of the atrocities committed by the Ba'ath regime against the Kurdish people and conveys the resilience of the Halabja community in the face of unimaginable adversity.

Upon entering the monument, visitors are greeted by a moving display of photographs and names of the fallen martyrs, accompanied by images of the wounded and scenes depicting the harrowing events of the chemical attack. The monument also showcases various artifacts that document the atrocities perpetrated by the Ba'ath regime against the Kurdish people, providing a stark and undeniable account of the regime's barbarity.

Beyond its focus on the tragedy, the monument also celebrates the vibrant life, culture, and heritage of Halabja. The first hall of the monument is adorned with various pictures and scenes that vividly depict the city's rich tapestry of traditions, arts, and culture, honoring the enduring spirit of the Halabja community.

The foundation stone of the Halabja Monument was laid in 2001 at the city's entrance, and the monument was officially unveiled in 2003 in the presence of then-US Secretary of State Colin Powell, senior Kurdish officials, and families of the martyrs.

Every year on March 16, the Halabja Monument becomes a focal point of remembrance and communal mourning. Thousands of people from within and beyond the Kurdistan Region gather at the monument to pay their respects to the victims and bear witness to the atrocities committed against the Halabja community.

This solemn commemoration serves as a powerful reminder of the Halabja tragedy and the enduring struggle for justice. It is a testament to the resilience of the Kurdish people and their determination to uphold the memory of those who perished as a result of the Ba'ath regime's heinous actions.



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