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A state funeral to remember

Twenty years ago, in February 1999, hundreds of dignitaries and about 800,000 Jordanians gathered in Amman's streets and at Raghadan Palace to mourn King Hussein bin Talal. He was Jordan's monarch for 47 years. Among those paying respecting were, from left, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid, now Vice President and Ruler of Dubai; the Sultan of Brunei; French President Jacques Chirac; former US president Jimmy Carter and incumbent Bill Clinton, with the King of Morocco, Mohammed VI, who was crown prince at the time, behind Clinton. The then Egyptian leader, Hosni Mubarak, is beside Clinton, with Yemen President Ali Abdullah Saleh far right. The sons of Queen Noor and King Hussein are in front.

The funeral was one of the largest gatherings of royalty and leaders in recent history; and the UAE declared 40 days of mourning to honour him.

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