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BAGHDAD (Reuters) – Two separate car bombs killed up to 45 pilgrims near Iraq's holy Shiite city of Kerbala ahead of the culmination of a major Shiite Muslim religious festival. About 150 people were wounded in the two explosions, which occurred on the outskirts of the city on different roads, said Mohammed al-Moussawi, head of the Kerbala provincial council.

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