

**Mufti 'shocked' by PM, Rosmah's express haj**  
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The mufti of Perlis is questioning the announcement of Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak and Rosmah Mansor that they had completed the haj rites on Sunday, when the earliest that a valid performance of the haj can end is today.

In a statement to Malaysiakini, Juanda Jaya expressed shock that Najib had on Sunday announced in a tweet: "Alhamdulillah, urusan haji kami sudah selesai." (Alhamdulillah, our haj journey is completed).

This is because the performance of the last rites - spending the night in Mina and casting the stones of Jamrah on the 11th and 12th of Zulhijjah, according to the Muslim calendar (which coincides with Nov 7-8 this year) - will only end on Tuesday at the earliest, Juanda said.

The same rights may also be performed on the 12th and 13th of Zulhijjah (Nov 8-9), which would signify their completion of the haj on Wednesday, he added.

"Unless the persons in question did not complete the obligatory parts of either options (Nov 7-8, or Nov 8-9) and compensate it with the expiatory payment for not completing it. That's another matter."

Official news agency Bernama reported on Sunday that Najib and Rosmah announced they had "settled" their haj on Sunday, Nov 6 (the 10th of Zulhijjah), said Juanda.

Other VVIPs who went on the pilgrimage with the PM were his mother, Rahah Mohamad Noah, his younger brother, Mohamed Nazim, and Perak Menteri Besar Zambry Abdul Kadir.

Commenting on the report, Juanda said an explanation was in order so that the rakyat would not be confused about the matter.

"Does something need to be clarified? We would like our VVIPs to get the proper religious advice, not merely to do what they're told.

"If not, this will only be to their embarrassment and that of Malaysia as a Muslim country," Juanda added.

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