

CABINET TO DISCUSS

PM: Umrah travel suspension aimed at safeguarding lives

SEGAMAT: The Health Ministry's decision to suspend umrah travel was to safeguard lives.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said he would receive a detailed report from

the ministry at a special cabinet meeting today.

"The ministry will make a presentation on Covid-19, especially on the spread of the Omicron variant and the decision on the

umrah. I will get a clearer picture on the matter then.

"The decision was made to safeguard lives," said Ismail Sabri after visiting Kampung Tandong community hall flood

relief centre here yesterday.

The government announced last month that umrah travel from Jan 8 would be suspended following the increase of Covid-19 cases among those who

had returned from Saudi Arabia.

The decision raised the ire of many parties, including pilgrims who had booked the trip and travel agencies which had offered umrah packages.