

Malaysian Haj Pilgrims The Best In The World

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MADINAH, Aug 16 (Bernama) -- Malaysian are recognised as the best haj pilgrims in the world because they are disciplined and courteous, said chairman of Adilq Muassasah, Sheikh Hateem Bali.

He said the Malaysia haj pilgrims were also equipped with the necessary knowledge on performing the pilgrimage.

"Every year, the Malaysian pilgrims are the best in the world. They respect one another and always help other pilgrims," he said through an interpreter after welcoming the arrival of the first batch of haj pilgrims from Malaysia at Hotel MovenPick, one of the three hotels in Madinah where haj pilgrims from Malaysia would be accommodated.

Also present was Malaysian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Zainol Rahim Zainuddin.

Sheikh Hateem also praised Tabung Haji for its systematic management of the haj pilgrims.

Meanwhile, Zainol Rahim advised the pilgrims to focus on performing the pilgrimage and to observe all regulations and be willing to help others.

The first batch of 450 Malaysian pilgrims arrived at Prince Mohammad bin Abdulaziz Airport at 8.35 am local time (1.35 pm Malaysia time).

A total of 11,088 pilgrims from Malaysia are expected to arrive in Madinah in stages on 32 flights for the haj pilgrimage. They will start leaving for Makkah on Aug 24, with the last batch on Sept 7.

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