

**Najib advises pilgrims to keep away from negative elements**  
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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak today advised Malaysians going on pilgrimage to keep away from negative elements out to tarnish Malaysia's image.

He said the pilgrims should also adhere to all regulations and laws of the Saudi Arabian government during their pilgrimage.

"The pilgrims should make use of the opportunity well and avoid wasting time indulging in activities that do not benefit them," he said when seeing off the sixth batch of 279 pilgrims, scheduled to leave today, at the Tabung Haji Complex in Kelana Jaya.

Najib's wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Saudi Arabian ambassador to Malaysia Datuk Fahad Abdullah Hamad Al-Rashid, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharom, Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Asyraf Wajdi Dusuki and Tabung Haji chairman Datuk Seri Abdul Azeez Abdul Rahim were also present.

The prime minister said the pilgrims should spend their time undertaking their obligations in the Holy Land.

Najib said he hoped that Muslims in Malaysia would remain united without looking at differences that could divide them and jeopardise harmony in the multiracial population of the country.

This year, 22,320 Malaysians are scheduled to perform the pilgrimage. They will be taken to Mecca in 64 flights of Malaysia Airlines and Saudi Arabian Airlines.

The last flight from Malaysia to Mecca will depart on September 16.

All the pilgrims are scheduled to return to Malaysia between September 29 and October 27. – Bernama, August 17, 2015.

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