

Crane Falls In Makkah Grand Mosque, Four Malaysians Believed Injured
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MAKKAH, Sept 11 (Bernama) -- A crane collapsed in the Grand Mosque here today, causing the death of 65 worshippers and injuring 154 others.

It is understood that four Malaysians were injured in the incident, but the number has yet to be confirmed.

The incident occurred after Asar prayer at about 4.30 pm local time during heavy rain.

A Bernama journalist covering the Haj pilgrimage said it was the fourth time such heavy rains had occurred within the last month.

"Today was one of the heaviest, it rained for about half an hour," said Mohd Shukri Ishak, who has been on the holy land to cover the haj pilgrimage since Aug 12.

The area around the Grand Mosque is currently undergoing expansion work.

Malaysian haj delegation chief Datuk Syed Saleh Syed Abdul Rahman is expected to hold a press conference soon.

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