

Tabung Haji Cooperates With Southeast Asia Muassasah To Trace Missing Pilgrims

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MAKKAH, Sept 13 (Bernama) -- Tabung Haji is now seeking cooperation from the Southeast Asia Muassasah (pilgrims management body) in efforts to trace eight Malaysian pilgrims who went missing following the crane collapse tragedy at the Grand Mosque, Makkah on Friday.

Malaysian Haj delegation chief, Datuk Syed Saleh Syed Abdul Rahman said the cooperation covered efforts to obtain the name list of victims who were being treated at Saudi Arabian hospitals, as well as the name list of victims who perished in the incident.

Previously, Tabung Haji (TH) through its patrol, medical and welfare units had found it difficult to obtain complete information on those who were being treated in the Saudi Arabian hospitals.

"There are victims who are being treated at five hospitals in Saudi Arabia (who were taken to these hospitals after the incident) who do not have identification tag, while the hospitals are now focusing on treating the victims, rather than releasing their names.

"We are now working with the Southeast Asia Muassasah to obtain information from the hospitals. TH personnel are not allowed in the hospitals to identify the victims who are being treated," he told reporters, here. The tragedy has claimed the lives of over 100 pilgrims and injured hundreds of others, including 10 Malaysians. Eight Malaysian pilgrims are still unaccounted for.

Those still missing are Abdul Habib Lahman, 68 (from Sik, Kedah), Shahidan Saad, 52 (Kodiang, Kedah), Zainun Taha, 69 (Ampang, Selangor), Rohana Ismail, 54 (Kuala Krai, Kelantan), Munah Jusoh, 73 (Cherang Ruku, Kelantan), Siti Nuroshlizan Zolkifli, 37 (Tanah Merah, Kelantan), Abdul Muluk Ishak, 71 (Pantai Remis, Perak), and Rusiah Suar, 56 (Sungkai, Perak).

Syed Saleh also reminded Malaysian pilgrims to always wear their identification tag like the wrist band and lanyard with the tag, especially when they were outside their hostels.

He said TH had also tried to contact the victim's mobile phones (based on the existing record), but they could not be reached.

Syed Saleh said TH was monitoring mortuaries in the Saudi Arabian hospitals, as normally, the Saudi Arabian authorities would display pictures and information of victims who died before being buried.

Apart from that, TH is also conducting counselling sessions to traumatised Malaysian pilgrims who witnessed the tragedy.

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