

**Special Program Benefits More Than 5,000 Pilgrims since 2011 - Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 26 (Bernama) -- More than 5,000 imam of mosques as well as village heads have benefited from the Special Haj Program since it was launched in 2011, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

"Alhamdulillah (praise be to Allah), since 2011 we have succeeded in sending more than 5,000 imam of mosques and village heads to be the guests of Allah at the Holy Land under the Special Haj Program.

"I pray that all of them and our pilgrims obtain the haj that is 'mabrur' or accepted by Allah," he said in his Facebook entry today.

In his entry, Najib also uploaded a video clip lasting seven minutes and 25 seconds which described the journey of several imam and village heads who were fortunate to receive the haj offer letter this year.

Among those featured were Na'aman Md Aris, 64, an imam from Kuala Lumpur; Mohd Sidek Palil, 69 (imam, Tanjong Karang) and Osman Suhaimi, 63 (Village Development and Security Committee (JKKK) chairman, Port Dickson) who generally would not be able to go to the Holy Land due to the lack of funds, besides focusing on managing the welfare of their own family first.

They were among the 1,100 imam, village heads and JKKK chairman who received the offer letters to perform the haj from the Prime Minister at a ceremony in Putrajaya on July 25.

The program sponsored by 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) Foundation aimed at giving appreciation to the continued contribution by the imam groups, village heads and JKKK chairmen for the community and Muslims.

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