

DATE	7 / 10 / 2012	SECTION	National
PAGE	10	COLUMN	News

Four Malaysian Haj pilgrims die during pilgrimage

MECCA: Four Malaysians have died while performing the Haj pilgrimage in the Holy Land.

Tabung Haji's (Pilgrims Fund) operations information centre manager Shafie Sharif said the four pilgrims died in Medina due to their frail condition and heart attacks and that their remains were buried at the Baqi cemetery near the Nabawi Mosque in Medina.

He said the centre, which operates from the Janadiriah

Hotel here, had relayed news of the deaths to family members in Malaysia.

"The burial arrangements were made by Tabung Haji," he told Malaysian reporters here yesterday.

Shafie said 74 haj pilgrims died in the Holy Land last year. The first batch of Malaysian haj pilgrims for the current haj season arrived in Saudi Arabia on 17 Sept.

A total of 28,000 Malaysian pilgrims are due to perform the haj this year. - Bernama