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72 pct of haj pilgrims already in Holy Land

MECCA: A total of 19,764 people out of the 28,000 or 72 per cent of the Malaysians due to perform the Haj pilgrimage this year have already arrived in the Holy Land.

Tabung Haji's (Pilgrims Fund) public affairs and corporate communications manager, Mohamad Naser Jaffar said of the figure, 17,915 pilgrims were in Mecca while the rest were still in Medina and would be leaving for Mecca tomorrow.

"After this, all Haj flights from Malaysia will land at the Haj Flight Terminal in Jeddah and the pilgrims will go to Mecca directly from there," he told Malaysian reporters at Tabung Haji's operation centre here yesterday.

Mohamad Naser said so far, 58 out of a total of 77 flights had brought Malaysian pilgrims to the Holy Land.

The first flight departed on Sept 17. — Bernama