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PILGRIMAGE: They may have to wait up to 70 years for their turn, says minister

KUALA LUMPUR

TABUNG Haji (TH) depositors who withdraw their haj registration deposit and savings will lose their turn to perform the pilgrimage for up to 70 years, the Dewan Rakyat was told yesterday.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharom said depositors who withdrew their savings because of recent

criticisms against TH would lose their turn to perform the pilgrimage if they also withdrew the deposit for the haj registration.

Depositors are required to deposit RM1,300 of their savings in TH for the haj registration, following which they would be given a date they would be due to perform the pilgrimage.

They would also lose dividend and bonus payments, Jamil said in reply to a question by Datuk Ahmad

Hamzah (BN-Jasin).

Jamil said a letter issued by Bank Negara Malaysia to TH was exploited by some quarters and had tarnished TH's image.

He said TH's financial position last year was strong and at its highest since its establishment.

"The average bonus payment between 1994 and 1999 was below RM550 million, while the bonus payment for 2015 was RM3.2 billion."

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