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Pilgrims reciting prayers while waiting to board the flight bound for Jeddah at Kuching International Airport. – ZULAZHAR SHEBLEE / The Star

## 671 leave for Jeddah for the haj

**KUCHING:** A total of 671 pilgrims from the state have left for Jeddah to perform the haj this year.

Out of this, 281 of them left last Friday while another 278 left yesterday. Sending them off were Housing Minister Datuk Amar Abang Johari Tun Openg and several Tabung Haji senior officials.

The pilgrims will be at the holy land for 49 days and are expected to return home on Nov 11. Johari in his brief message to the pilgrims before departure advised them to look after their health and safety.

Also present was Assistant Minister in the Chief Minister's Department (Islamic Affairs) Datuk Daud Abdul Rahman.