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Tabung Haji death benefit for man who died in Mecca

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TABUNG Haji chairman Datuk Abdul Azeez Abdul Rahim paid a visit to the family of a haj pilgrim who died recently while in Mecca, performing the fifth tenet of Islam.

Hashim Abdul Latif, 60, died due to heart problems on Saturday. He was buried at the Ma'la cemetery in Mecca after the Zohor (afternoon) prayers on the same day.

His wife, Rosnamsiati Mohd Daham, 59, who accompanied Hashim during the haj, has decided to continue with her pilgrimage to Mecca.

Azeez, who visited Hashim's



Tabung Haji chairman **Datuk Abdul Azeez Abdul Rahim** (second from right) paying his respects at Hashim Abdul Latif's house. Pic by Supian Ahmad

family home in Kampung Rapat Jaya here yesterday, gave encouragement and comforting words to the couple's five children, aged 13 to 34.

He presented the *khairat kema-tian* (death benefit) of RM1,500 from Tabung Haji to the couple's

son, Hasrulnizam Hashim.

Hasrulnizam, 32, said he was grateful that his father died in Mecca, which is a dream for most Muslims.

He was, however, a little disappointed, as he could not see his father's face for the last time.