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1MDB Haj pilgrims arrive in Medina

MEDINA: A total of 400 pilgrims under the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) Haj sponsorship programme arrived here Saturday.

The group left the KL International Airport at 12.30pm (Malaysian time) and arrived here at 6.00pm (local time). They are being accommodated at Movenpick Hotel, about 30 metres from the Nabawi Mosque.

Among those in the group are Head of the Malaysian Pilgrims from the Pilgrims Fund Board (Tabung Haji), Tengku Aziz Raja

Abdullah, and the programme's head of media communication, Zahari Sulaiman.

Meanwhile, Zahari said the 1MDB Haj programme should be continued next year as there were still many imam and village heads who had yet to perform the Haj pilgrimage.

Last year, 111 people performed their Haj pilgrimage under the programme and hoped many more would do so next year, he told Malaysian journalists covering the haj pilgrimage here.
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TABUNG Haji senior general manager Datuk Syed Salleh Syed Abdul Rahman (2nd right) welcoming some of the 400 haj pilgrims under the 1MDB programme upon arrival at Medina. PHOTO: BERNAMA