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Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharom

'More than 15,000 of those registered with Tabung Haji above 75 years old'

THE Dewan Rakyat was told that more than 15,000 of the 999,070 people registered for the haj pilgrimage with Lembaga Tabung Haji are above 75 years old.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharom said Tabung Haji gave special consideration to appeals made by elderly pilgrims.

"Generally, the haj quota for Malaysia is 27,000 per year, thus the waiting period to perform the haj is 35 years. However, Tabung Haji is considerate and gives priority to appeals made by those who are old," he said.

He was replying to a question from Datuk Ismail Mohamad Said (BN-Kuala Krau) who wanted to know the efforts made so that the country's haj quota was not affected by the illegal assembly staged by a group of Malaysians in the Holy Land on April 28. — Bernama