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# Three haj pilgrims killed in accident

## Trio on their way home from KLIA

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**KUANTAN:** Back from performing the haj, three pilgrims headed here from the KL International Airport were killed when the van they were travelling in crashed into the back of an iron ore-laden lorry.

The incident occurred at KM210.2 of the East Coast Highway, near here, early yesterday.

The dead victims were Kamarudin Ab Rahman, 43, from Permatang Badak, Zainab Awang Hassan, 59, of Kampung Seri Teruntum, and Fatimah Said, 63, from Kampung Rozali, near Jalan Gambang here.

The van driver and two injured passengers were warded at the Tengku Ampuan Afzan Hospital here.

"The 3.40am mishap occurred when the haj pilgrims were on their way home from KLIA to Kuantan," Pahang police acting administrative/traffic chief Asst Supt Zainalabidin Othman told reporters here.

Two other fatal accidents were reported involving a Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) student and a lorry driver on Tuesday.

Amirul Azadin Mislán, 20, died after a collision involving his motorcycle and a lorry in a 12.30pm incident at KM23 of the Maran-Jerantut trunk road.

The UiTM student was said to be overtaking another vehicle when he crashed head-on into the lorry, which was heading towards Kuala Lipis.

The victim, who suffered grievous injuries, died at the Jengka Hospital at 2.08pm.

In another accident, lorry driver K. Sumbramania, 42, died when he lost control of his vehicle, causing it to overturn at KM74 of the Karak Highway.

He suffered severe head injuries and died at the scene in the 5.20pm accident on Tuesday.

The lorry's load of eight electric cables also got strewn across the road causing two other vehicles to crash. There were no other casualties.