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## Haj quota to be known during Ramadan

**SHAH ALAM:** Malaysia is expected to know the quota for this year's haj pilgrimage during Ramadan, said Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharom.

Expressing his hope that Malaysia's quota will not be affected by Bersih 3.0 protests in Mecca and Medina on April 26, he said: "We are working hard to ensure that the Saudi Arabian government will maintain our quota."

Speaking to reporters after addressing haj mentors for the coming pilgrimage here yesterday, he said Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak had clarified with the Saudi Arabian government on the protests.

"Even during his visit to Jeddah to pay his last respects to Crown Prince Mahkota Nayef bin Abdul Aziz al Saud who died last month, the prime minister asked the Saudi government to maintain the haj quota."

He said as at yesterday, 984,204

Muslims had registered for the pilgrimage this year, of which about 12,000 are aged 75 and above.

He said the actual cost of this year's haj pilgrimage is RM15,155, but pilgrims need only to pay RM9,980 as the rest of amount is subsidised by Lembaga Tabung Haji.

Jamil Khir said Tabung Haji planned to introduce a website and an e-Book on haj pilgrimage as value-added services to pilgrims. - Bernama