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Abi Musa (centre) presenting Raya contribution to one of the recipients.

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KOTA KINABALU: The first flight for Malaysian pilgrims to Mecca this year would start in October, said Malaysia Tabung Haji chairman Tan Sri Abi Musa Asa'ari Mohamed Nor yesterday.

He said the direct flight would bring pilgrims directly to Mecca from the Kota Kinabalu International Airport (KKIA).

"For this flight we would send two groups from the welfare and health divisions to handle the pilgrims in Mecca. "Several airports also providedirectflightsto Mecca besides KKIA. They are Johor Bahru, Bayan Lepas, Kuching and Sultan Mahmud International Airports," he said during the Ilya' Ramadhan programme at TaHa D'Bayu (formerly known as Tabung Haji complex).

During the programme, 310 hardcore poor, orphans and the needy received Raya contribution comprising of hampers and Raya money amounting to RM53,000.