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# Tabung Haji to pay RM1b to depositors

**PUTRAJAYA:** Tabung Haji yesterday announced a bonus of five per cent for last year with an estimated total payout of RM1.1 billion to its depositors.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Maj-Gen (R) Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharom, when announcing this at a news conference here, said although last year was a challenging year, Tabung Haji still did well.

"This is seen in the bonus given to depositors."

Tabung Haji, which announced

the same rate last year, had declared a 2.25 per cent interim bonus in September with a total payout of RM465 million.

"If a comparison is made with the rate of returns of commercial banks for fixed deposits and savings, it is obvious that the annual bonus given by Tabung Haji has always been competitive."

He said Tabung Haji would pay the bonus to its 5.1 million depositors on Monday.

Accumulated depositors' savings in Tabung Haji increased by 12 per

cent to RM23 billion last year from RM20.6 billion in 2008.

The pilgrims fund also allocated RM39 million for payment of business tithe, from RM38 million the previous year.

Jamil Khir said Tabung Haji might be able to pay a higher bonus for this year as the economy was recovering.

Last year, Tabung Haji recorded a revenue of RM1.7 billion and RM1.1 billion in profit after paying tithe. — Bernama