

Saudi Arabia translates haj sermon into 10 languages, including Malay

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Pilgrims departing Makkah for Arafah. - NSTP file pic

KUALA LUMPUR: The initiative to directly translate the Arafah Day Sermon from Makkah in Saudi Arabia into 10 languages, including Malay, will continue during this haj season.

President of the General Presidency for the Affairs of the Two Holy Mosques Sheikh Dr Abdul Rahman Al-Sudais said the initiative would enable pilgrims and Muslims around the world to understand the sermon.

The 1443 H Haj sermon will be broadcast live in 10 languages: English, Malay, Urdu, Farsi, French, Chinese, Turkish, Russian, Hausa and Bengali.

"After this, there will be more than (10 languages), because it is our duty in Haramain to convey to all (about) truth, justice, virtue, moderation, tolerance, (and) to reject bigotry and hatred from this holy land."

He said this in an interview with Alekhbariya television channel in Saudi Arabia recently.

Alekhbariya also reported that the sermon would be broadcast live on Saudi's local television and radio stations as well as on three smart applications (Arafat, Haramain and Manaret Haramain) and on the department's portal.

The initiative to translate the Arafah Day Sermon started in 2018 with five languages: English, French, Farsi, Malay, and Urdu.

The Chinese language was added a year latter. By 2021, four more languages were included. -- Bernama