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## Haj cost for Muassasah pilgrim remains at RM9,980 – Mujahid

KUALA LUMPUR: The cost for each Muassasah haj pilgrim to perform the haj this year will remain at only RM9,980 from the actual cost of RM22,900, Minister in the Prime Minister Department Datuk Seri Dr Mujahid Yusof Rawa.

He said the remaining cost of RM12,920 for each of the 31,600 Malaysian pilgrims would be borne by the Lembaga Tabung Haji (TH), bringing the total cost to RM408.2 million.

"This excludes other costs borne by the TH, such as for the organising of the Perdana haj courses amounting to RM70 million.

"Our Muassasah pilgrims will have to pay only RM9,980, the same amount as the past 10 years. In 2009, the actual cost of performing the haj was only RM12,000 and it has been

increasing every year," he told a press conference after the soft launch of the Federal Territory Islamic Religious Council (MAIWP) Residency project here yesterday.

Commenting on the call for the setting up of a Royal Commission of Inquiry (RCI) to investigate the alleged misappropriation of funds in TH, Muhajid stressed that the RCI should be set up to solve 'mysterious' or unexplained issues.

Issues pertaining TH have been identified after the audit by PricewaterhouseCoopers, police report has also been lodged and the case is now under police investigation, he said.

On MAIWP Residency, Mujahid said the construction of the 360-unit apartment project is expected to begin at the end of this year on MAIWP-owned land at Taman Pelangi Jaya, Gombak.