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PAKISTAN ASKED NOT TO SIGN ACCORDS FOR HAJ

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The government of Saudi Arabia on Thursday asked the Pakistan government not to make any arrangements regarding accommodation and travelling of the intending pilgrims for the upcoming Haj in view of the coronavirus outbreak till final decision is taken by the Kingdom.

Saudi Minister for Haj and Umra Dr Mohammad Saleh Bin Taher Bentan addressed a letter to his Pakistani counterpart Noorul Haq Qadri to convey that any agreement or arrangements regarding transportation and accommodation of intending pilgrims should be deferred. No agreements for the Haj 1441 should be made till situation for coronavirus is known, the Saudi minister said.

He assured Noorul Haq Qadri that the Saudi government is keeping a close eye on the spread of virus, its consequences and is also taking care of precautionary measures. We will inform you about any progress made in this connection, he said.

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