

## Pension Saving Covers Hajj Expense



**Jakarta, Rakyat Merdeka** – One plus value to be a government employee, besides receiving monthly pension he will also receives savings fund taken from his active period as government officials.

Observing and accommodating pensioners who prepare their pension time, most of them hope their savings fund in Taspen can be used to pay hajj expenses for spouses. If it were converted with the hajj expenses today it would be approximately on the amount of Rp 70 million for two people.

At the VII National Meeting of 2009, one of Taspen official said that it could be taken Rp 70 million and could be realized for two or three years later. This is a positive commitment to give welfare for pensioners of government employees.

Nevertheless it's good not to rush in using savings from Taspen to be used as hajj expenses. We should also think about the expenses of welfare, education, and daily needs for the offspring. It also can be used as capital to start new business or reserve fund if there were sudden family needs. [**valery setiawan, jaktim**]