

Virus fears reduce Hajj pilgrims by 1 million

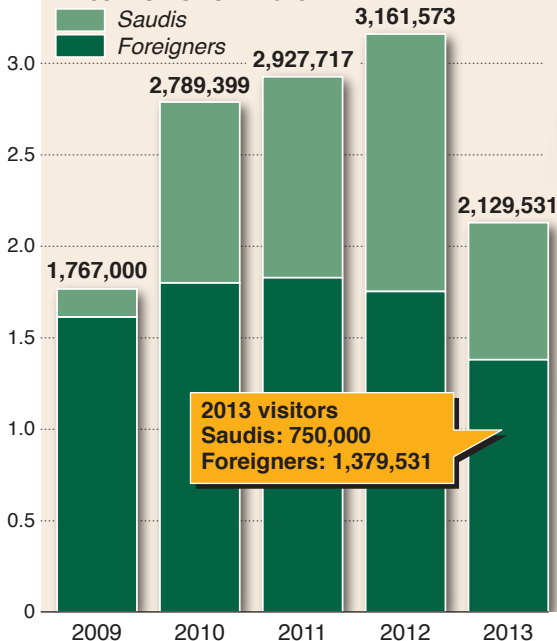
Saudi authorities have sharply cut back on Hajj visas for the young, elderly and unwell, over fears of infections from the *Middle East Respiratory Syndrome*. The MERS virus has killed 60 people worldwide, 49 in Saudi Arabia



HAJJ VISITORS *millions*

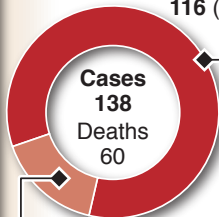
Saudis

Foreigners



MERS cases (deaths)
Apr 2012 – present

Saudi Arabia
116 (49)



Others	Tunisia 3 (1)
UAE 6 (2)	Jordan 2 (2)
Qatar 5 (3)	France 2 (1)
UK 3 (2)	Italy 1 (0)