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1b Muslim population by year-end

TAIF, Jan 27: The Muslim population in the world is expected to reach the one billion mark by the end of the year, report published in the Saudi Gazette, local English daily. Monday said that seven countries were now supporting each population of more than 50 million Muslims, reports Bernama.

They were Bangladesh, Indonesia, India, Pakistan, China, Nigeria and the Soviet Union, it added.

Indonesia, with an estimated Muslim population of 139,839,000 topped that list followed by India (121,037,000), Bangladesh (76,002,000) Pakistan (75,128,000) China (62,121,000), Nigeria (62,087,800), Soviet Union (59,071,000) Turkey (44,163,400) Egypt (39,503,000) and Iran (35,681,000).

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population increase in most of the Muslim countries was more than two per cent annually, without taking into account the new Muslim converts.

The report said Malaysia ranked 2nd in the list with an estimated Muslim population of 6,649,600 while Singapore was in the 74th position with 387,900 Muslims.

Thailand, which supports an estimated 5,954,400 Muslims, was ranked 24th and the Philippines, with a Muslim population of 5,651,600 ranked 25th.