

Kin: Don't jump the gun on MH370's fate
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A support group for the kin of those onboard of the Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 which went missing on March 8 last year, has cautioned the government not to “jump the gun” in making any announcements on the fate of the plane, as the search process is still going on.

There is talk that the authorities are going to make a major announcement tomorrow on the fate of MH370, which had 239 passengers and crew on board.

It disappeared en route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing after departing from Kuala Lumpur International Airport around midnight.

Voice370, the Association for Families of the Passengers and Crew on Board MH370, said it was baffling that the government could make such an announcement when Phase 1 of the search is still going on.

“We, the next of kin of MH370 victims, are perplexed as to why the Malaysian authorities are jumping the gun in wanting to make any announcements, while the search is a long way from completion.

“At the very least, we expect them to have the patience to wait for the first phase to be completed,” the group said in a statement today.

The group added the Australian based Joint Agency Coordination Centre (JACC) had reassured them that the search in the Southern Indian Ocean is progressing as planned and almost a third of the area has been covered.

“They have assured us that there will be no let up until the 60,000 square kilometres targeted under Phase 1 is searched.

“We have stated it before and reiterate it again, that we are prepared for any eventuality, including the fact that our loved ones may never come back.

“However, almost all families are unanimous in our stand that we do not want to declare our loved ones dead, without a shred of evidence,” the group said.