

**MAS' Shares Slip In Mid-Morning Session**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 12 (Bernama) -- Malaysia Airlines' (MAS) shares slipped in mid-morning trading after fixing its rights issue up to 13.4 billion, which the national carrier raised to RM3.07 billion.

As of 11.34 am, MAS' shares fell 5.5 sen or 6.66 per cent to 77 sen, with 21.197 million shares transacted.

On Thursday, MAS disclosed to Bursa Malaysia that it would issue 13.4 billion new shares at an issuance price of 23 sen per rights shares for working capital, capital expenditure and repayment of borrowings.

RHB Research said the issuance of rights issue was higher than it had initially expected, hence the dilution impact would be greater.

"We continue to believe that with better cost controls, route rationalisation measures and the feeding in of oneworld alliance passengers, MAS' turnaround may just materialise," it said in a research note Friday.

However, it would be challenging for MAS as the intensified competition between low-cost carriers due to the entry of Malindo Air that might further put pressure on MAS' pricing strategy, said Kenanga Research.

"A spike in jet fuel will remain as the main threat for MAS," it added.

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