

**Flight Operations At KLIA Run As Usual - MAS CEO
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SEPANG, March 8 (Bernama) -- The disappearance of the Malaysia Airlines (MAS) flight MH370 early this morning does not affect flight operations at the KL International Airport (KLIA).

MAS group chief executive officer Ahmad Jauhari Yahya said all services at the airport were running as usual and there were no cancellations of flight schedule.

However, he said the MAS management had provided space at the Observation Tower on level five, KLIA to gather all family members of the passengers involved to inform them of the latest development on the incident.

As at 3pm Saturday, 80 per cent of of the family members of the passengers had been briefed by MAS on the latest development concerning the missing aircraft which had raised various speculations.

"All operations are running as usual. On level five, KLIA (Observation Tower) we provide a team to gather and provide the latest information to family members of the passengers," he said at a media conference, here today which was also attended by acting Transport Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein.

A Bernama survey at the KLIA found that the arrivals and departures of passengers to their respective destinations were running as usual.

The MH370 flight which carried 239 people, comprising 227 passengers including two infants and 12 crew members, was reported missing from the airspace between Malaysia and Vietnam over the South China Sea and the search and rescue operations were still going on.

The aircraft was last detected at 1.30am today at longitude 065515 north and 1033443 east over the South China Sea.

Earlier, Hishammuddin said the Royal Malaysian Air Force and Royal Malaysian Navy had been mobilised to the area where the incident occurred and they were joined by the relevant agencies from China, the Philippines, Vietnam and Indonesia.

The public could contact the telephone number 03-78841234 while the media could direct their enquiries by calling 03-8775698 or 03-87871276 or surf the MAS website at www.malaysiaairlines.com.

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