

Singapore PM Calls On Najib To Express Sympathy, Offers SAR Assistance
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SINGAPORE, March 8 (Bernama) -- Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong has telephoned his Malaysian counterpart, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak to express sympathy and concern over the missing Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370.

Lee has also offered the republic's assistance with search and rescue operations (SAR).

In his Facebook posting Saturday, he said: "Spoke to Malaysian PM Najib Razak on the phone this afternoon to express my sympathies and concern over the missing MAS plane, and to offer our help with the search operations.

"Hope the plane and people on board will be found soon," he said.

The Boeing 777-200 bound for Beijing lost contact at 2.40am Saturday, about two hours after take-off from the Kuala Lumpur International Airport.

The plane was carrying 227 passengers and 12 crew members. They included 153 Chinese nationals, 38 Malaysians, 12 Indonesians, six Australians, three French nationals, four United States citizens and several passengers from other countries.

No Singaporean was on board the missing aircraft.

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