

Malaysia Welcomes SAR Assistance From Other Countries, Organisations
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 9 (Bernama) -- Malaysia welcomes assistance from other countries and international organisations in the search-and-rescue (SAR) operation for missing Malaysia Airlines (MAS) Flight MH370, the Foreign Ministry said in a statement here Sunday.

It also expressed its gratitude to the countries involved in the SAR operation namely Vietnam, China, the United States, Singapore and Philippines for deploying their assets to support and assist in the operation.

It said the government recognised the anguish and anxiety of the next-of-kin and family members of those on board the flight.

It said the ministry would provide its fullest cooperation to the respective Foreign Missions in Malaysia whose nationals were passengers of Flight MH370.

An operations room had also been set up by the ministry and can be contacted at 03-88874570 or via email at dutyofficer@kln.gov.my, the statement added.

The SAR operation was launched yesterday after Flight MH370, carrying 227 passengers and 12 crew, went missing en route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing about an hour after taking off from the KL International Airport at 12.41am Saturday. It should have landed in Beijing at 6.30am the same day.

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