

Three More Aircraft Join Search For MAS Flight MH370
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SEPANG, March 9 (Bernama) -- Three more aircraft were added to the search and rescue operation for the Malaysia Airlines (MAS) flight MH370 plane, said Department of Civil Aviation (DCA) director-general Datuk Azharuddin Abdul Rahman.

He said operations from last night till this morning could not locate anything.

"There is nothing to report and nothing could be seen by the (search and rescue) team in the South China Sea or at the location where the plane was reported missing from the radar," he told a news conference here Sunday.

Azharuddin said a ship was also deployed in the operation from last night till this morning.

MAS Flight MH370 went missing en route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing after taking off from KLIA at 12.41 am Saturday. It should have landed in Beijing at 6.30 am.

On oil slicks allegedly spotted in search for the missing plane, he said: "It's not verified yet, it was reported in the media but it's not confirmed yet."

Azharuddin said the authorities were investigating the possibility of a terrorist attack, the aircraft safety record, and reports on two passengers using stolen passports.

He said the investigations covered all angles and records from MAS had been gathered.

Azharuddin said the aircraft data showed no abnormality during the flight.

On reports that the next-of-kin and family members of the passengers would be taken to the KL International Airport (KLIA), Sepang to be flown to an undisclosed location this morning, Azharuddin said, "I leave it the matter to MAS."

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