

## **Singapore To Continue Support For Ongoing Efforts In Search For Missing MAS Plane**

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SINGAPORE, March 15 (Bernama) – Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said the republic is ready to provide any further support to assist Malaysia and other countries in searching for and locating the missing Malaysia Airlines (MAS) Flight MH370.

The prime minister said this in his letters written to his Malaysian counterpart Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and Premier Li Keqiang of the People's Republic of China to convey Singapore's concern over the plane.

The text of his letters dated Friday were released by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Saturday.

In his letter to Najib, Lee said: "I am deeply saddened that Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 remains missing.

On behalf of the people and the Singapore Government, I express our deepest concern for the safety of the crew and passengers, and also our solidarity with their families.

"After we spoke on the phone on March 8, 2014, Singapore has deployed aircraft and ships to join in the search for the missing aircraft.

"We are cooperating closely with the Malaysian Government in its search and locate operation, and hope that the missing plane will be located soon.

As I informed you last week, we stand ready to provide any further support that will help in this effort.

Meanwhile in his letter to the Chinese premier, Lee said: "It has been almost a week since Malaysian Airlines flight MH370 went missing, with over 150 Chinese nationals on board.

He said several of them are reported to have been working or studying in Singapore.

"On behalf of the government and people of Singapore, I express our deep concern for the passengers and their families.

"Singapore is assisting Malaysia to locate the missing aircraft.

We will continue to support the ongoing efforts by Malaysia and other countries, including China, to find the aircraft as soon as possible.

“Our thoughts are with the passengers, crew and their families during this difficult time.” Lee added.

MAS 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 in Sepang at 12.41 am lat Saturday.

It should have landed in Beijing at 6.30 am.

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