

Najib Tables Special Motion In Dewan Rakyat Over Lost Malaysian Airliner
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 25 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak Tuesday tabled a special motion in the Dewan Rakyat to express sadness, sorrow and grief over a Malaysia Airlines (MAS) flight which went down in the Indian Ocean.

The motion also recorded condolences to all the families, friends and acquaintances of the 227 passengers and 12 crew of Flight MH370 that disappeared while flying from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing on March 8.

"This house expresses its heartfelt thanks to all quarters who had extended co-operation and assistance to the search-and-rescue operation, particularly to the many countries which had provided much assistance.

"What we have to do in the coming weeks and months is to look for the debris, framework and objects linked to MH370 so that we can confirm unequivocally that the flight went down in the southern Indian Ocean," he said.

Najib had announced Monday night that the flight path of the aircraft had "ended in the southern Indian Ocean".

Flight MH370, carrying 227 passengers and 12 crew, left the KL International Airport at 12.41 am on March 8 and disappeared from radar screens about an hour later while over the South China Sea. It was to have landed in Beijing at 6.30 am on the same day.

A multinational search was mounted for the aircraft, first in the South China Sea and then over a large tract of land and sea west of Malaysia, including the Indian Ocean, when it was learned that the plane had veered off course and flown for seven hours after someone deliberately switched off the communication system on board.

The search then focused on two corridors, namely the northern corridor which stretches from the border of Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan to northern Thailand, and the southern corridor which stretches from Indonesia to the southern Indian Ocean.

After satellite imagery showed objects which looked like debris, military aircraft and ships of the multinational search team proceeded to the area in the southern Indian Ocean.

Following an unprecedented type of analysis of satellite data, United Kingdom company Inmarsat and the UK Air Accidents Investigation Branch (AAIB) informed Najib that they had concluded that

Flight MH370 flew along the southern corridor and that its last position was in the middle of the Indian Ocean, west of Perth, Australia.

Najib announced Monday night: "It is therefore with deep sadness and regret that I must inform you that, according to this new data, flight MH370 ended in the southern Indian Ocean."

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