

Najib postpones Mauritius trip, priority for MH370 search and rescue
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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak has decided to postpone an official trip to Mauritius scheduled for tomorrow so as to focus on search and rescue operations for the missing Malaysia Airlines (MAS) flight MH370.

A statement from the Prime Minister's Department did not say if the trip will be rescheduled.

"Prime Minister Najib Razak has decided to postpone his official visit to the Republic of Mauritius, which was scheduled to take place from March 11 to 13.

"Search and rescue operations for MH370 are the government's utmost priority at this difficult time," a spokesman said in the statement.

The MAS flight MH370 carrying 239 people, including 12 crew, took off from the Kuala Lumpur International Airport at 12.41am early Saturday for Beijing when it vanished 40 minutes into the flight. It never arrived in Beijing.

An international search and rescue mission involving nine nations across the Gulf of Thailand, the Andaman Sea and the Straits of Malacca have yet to yield any results.

Malaysia Airlines, the country's loss-making flag carrier, has said that there were 14 nationalities on board although two passengers were later found to be carrying stolen Italian and Austrian passports. – March 10, 2014.

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