

25 Countries Helping Malaysia To Search For MH370 Because Of Strong Relationships: Najib Bernama

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HANOI, April 5 (Bernama) -- Twenty-five countries are helping Malaysia in the search for missing Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370 because of the goodwill and strong relationships that Malaysia has with them, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The Prime Minister said the countries were willing to commit themselves to the search operation without asking Malaysia to pay for their services as Malaysia too had done so many helpful things when the other countries were in need.

"They are doing it because of the goodwill and good relations that we have with them," Najib said at a dinner with the Malaysian community here Friday night.

Najib, who arrived here Thursday, is on a three-day official visit to Vietnam.

He said Malaysia has been seen as a very caring country by other nations as it has been involved in so many humanitarian aid missions.

"We are a caring nation...now it is our turn to be in the receiving end.

But before this, we were there when typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines, tsunami in Aceh and earthquakes everywhere, we were there, we helped the world, now it's time they help us," he added.

"Some of them said, when I called them, "look, just tell us what we can do for you? Because Malaysia has been good to us in the past, because when we were in need, Malaysia helped us, because we like you, we like Malaysia", and that is why," said Najib.

Najib said this was an example of what Malaysian entrepreneurs should do in foreign countries - build goodwill and strong relationships with the people and government of the country they are operating in.

"Understand this system will make us more successful in doing business, because when you build relationships, then you will understand how to make the system work for you and you can overcome obstacles," he added.

Also present were his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman, International Trade and Industry Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed and Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

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.

On March 24, Najib announced that Flight MH370 "ended in the southern Indian Ocean" and the

multinational search for the aircraft continues there.

The 25 countries, that formed one of the largest search and rescue operation ever, are deploying their assets like surface vessels, aircraft and submarines to help Malaysia look for the missing airliner.

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