

Najib Saddened Over The Loss Of Lives In China Ship Disaster

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KUALA LUMPUR, June 2 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today expressed sadness over the loss of lives in the China cruise ship disaster which occurred on Monday.

In his Twitter post tonight, he said: "My thoughts and prayers are with the friends and families of those on board."

According to BBC, five people have died and hundreds are missing after a cruise ship carrying 456 people capsized on the Yangtze River in China's Hubei province, Monday.

"Officials say at least 15 people survived, with some found alive inside the submerged ship.

"The captain and the chief engineer, who both survived, have been detained, both of them said the boat, which sent no emergency signal, was caught in a cyclone," BBC said Tuesday.

It said most of those on board were tourists aged between 50 and 80 travelling from the eastern city of Nanjing to Chongqing in the south-west, a journey of about 1,500km.

The ship sank in the Damazhou waterway section of the Yangtze, where the world's third longest river reaches depths of about 15 metres.

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