

**Najib should fly to Sabah immediately, says Kit Siang**  
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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak should immediately fly to earthquake-hit areas in Sabah from his overseas trip in Saudi Arabia, said DAP parliamentary leader Lim Kit Siang.

In a statement today, Lim said with the new executive jet purchased by the Najib administration, the prime minister could have easily flown to Ranau or Kota Kinabalu, areas hit by a 5.9 Richter scale earthquake early Friday, before continuing his journey to Saudi Arabia.

Instead, Najib started his working visit there and said in a Facebook post that he was monitoring relief efforts from the Middle Eastern nation.

Lim added that Najib must now prove that he "owes" Sabah, as the prime minister had said before.

"With his new personal private jet which cost a bomb to Malaysian taxpayers, Najib should have no problem to visit Ranau/Kinabalu before flying off to Jeddah for his three-day visit to Saudi Arabia," said Lim.

"One question uppermost among Sabahans when I visited the earthquake-hit zones of Ranau and Kinabalu Park yesterday was why Najib, who said only last month that 'I owe Sabah', did not visit Sabah over the Ranau/Kinabalu earthquake disaster before his Saudi Arabia trip on Saturday night."

The disaster in Sabah had so far claimed 18 lives, many of whom were climbers on Mount Kinabalu.

This is not the first time Najib is on a foreign trip while a disaster takes place in Malaysia.

Last December, he came under severe criticism after being pictured playing golf with United States President Barack Obama while many states struggled with Malaysia's worst floods in 30 years which displaced more than 100,000 people.

His deputy Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin is currently in Sabah overseeing relief works. – June 8, 2015.

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