

Najib Expresses Concern To Indonesian President Over Missing AirAsia Aircraft
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 28 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has contacted Indonesian president Joko Widodo to express concern and offered Malaysia's support and assistance in the search for AirAsia Indonesia Flight QZ8501 which went missing Sunday.

The Singapore-bound plane with 162 passengers and crew on board vanished after departing from Surabaya at 5.35 am and lost contact with Indonesian air traffic control at 7.24 am.

"Called President Joko Widodo. Expressed our deep concern. Offered Malaysia's fullest support and assistance to Indonesian search and rescue effort," Najib tweeted tonight.

Three Royal Malaysian Navy vessels will sail tonight to join the search for the missing Airbus A320-200 with registration number PK-AXC.

Earlier, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said the vessels were the KD Pahang, KD Lekir and KD Lekiu with a Fennec helicopter onboard.

The Royal Malaysian Air Force, on the other hand, would deploy a C130 aircraft to assist Indonesia with the search and rescue operation.

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