

**Najib arrives in Bangkok to thank Thai PM, on same day as government jet**  
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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak met Thailand's General Prayuth Chan-o-cha in Bangkok yesterday to thank the Thai prime minister for the country's contributions during the recent floods, Bernama reported today.

Quoting Najib's Facebook account, the report said both leaders exchanged perspectives on restoration and the Thai flood experience.

Najib's presence also coincided with the presence of the government jet in the Thai capital. The Airbus A319 had been tracked flying from Dubai to Bangkok early yesterday morning.

While the plane's presence in Bangkok appears to have been explained, the mystery deepened over the control of the government jet as Najib had been in Malaysia after cutting short his holiday in Hawaii just after Christmas Day to return home to handle the floods. The prime minister had travelled to Bangkok from Kuala Lumpur via a different aircraft yesterday after visiting flood disaster zones in the country in the past week.

The government jet which Najib had used to fly to Hawaii just before Christmas landed in Bangkok, Thailand, yesterday at 11.11am, after having been in Indianapolis (in the United States), London, New York, and Dubai.

A check on the flight tracking website Flightradar24.com showed that the aircraft, bearing tail number 9M-NAA, had arrived in Dubai from London at 12.16am on Saturday before departing again at 1.53am.

Najib had used the government airplane, an Airbus A319, for his family holiday in Hawaii but cut short his holiday following criticism over his absence when massive floods hit several states in Malaysia.

Many Malaysians had criticised Najib after photographs of him playing golf with US President Barack Obama in Hawaii went viral.

The prime minister, however, did not return to Malaysia on the government jet but instead flew home on a Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) transport plane,

fuelling speculation as to the whereabouts of the government jet.

PKR Youth information chief Lee Chean Chung had asked why Najib had not taken the government jet to return to Malaysia, noting that using a RMAF plane incurred additional costs.

“How did the official jet travelled eastwards and ended up in Indianapolis? Who is using the jet?” Lee had asked in a statement. – January 3, 2015.

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