

Chronology of Wuhan mission

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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 4 -- The following is the chronology of events pertaining to the mission to bring Malaysians home from Wuhan, China following the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak in the country:

- Jan 29 - Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Malaysia is prepared to bring back its citizens from Wuhan if allowed by the Chinese government.
- Jan 30 - A special committee was activated for the mission to evacuate Malaysians from Hubei province. The committee is coordinated by the National Disaster Management Agency (NADMA), with cooperation from the Foreign Ministry, Health Ministry, Malaysian Armed Forces and the National Security Council.
- Jan 30 - World Health Organisation (WHO) director-general Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus declared coronavirus outbreak as a global health emergency.
- Jan 30 - Foreign Minister Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah said NADMA is preparing to bring 80 Malaysians home from Wuhan following Cabinet's decision.
- Jan 31 - Malaysian Ambassador to China, Raja Datuk Nushirwan Zainal Abidin said 117 Malaysians have been identified in Hubei province and surrounding areas and that the government was giving priority to bring them home as the WHO has declared the spread of the virus as a global health emergency.
- Feb 1 - The Malaysian Embassy in Beijing sent a team to Wuhan to coordinate and assist in the process of bringing home Malaysians in Hubei province.

- Feb 2 - Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail said the mission to bring Malaysians home from China on a special AirAsia flight was accompanied by six Health Ministry officials, one NADMA officer, one Foreign Ministry official and 12 flight crew members.
- Feb 3 - AirAsia's special aircraft AK8264 departs Kuala Lumpur International Airport 2 (klia2) at 3.50 pm and brings along 500,000 rubber gloves as a contribution to the Chinese government. It arrives at the Tianhe International Airport, Wuhan at 9.01 pm.
- Feb 4 - AirAsia's special aircraft carrying 107 Malaysians and their spouses and children, six advance team members, 20 members of the mission landed safely at KLIA at 6 am.
- 8.05 am - First group of Malaysians arriving from Wuhan are taken by bus to undergo health screening at the Air Disaster Unit (ADU).
- 10.32 am - Passengers including crew members are taken to the monitoring centre at the Higher Education Leadership Academy (AKEPT) in Bandar Enstek, Nilai, Negeri Sembilan via four Malaysian Fire and Rescue Department buses.
- Two individuals who failed health screening at the ADU were sent to the Kuala Lumpur Hospital.

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