

Meeting To Determine Way Forward For MH370

Authorities from Malaysia, Australia and China will hold a meeting to determine the next step in the search for missing flight MH370 as the deadline for halting the hunt for the plane approaches.

The Australian-led hunt for wreckage from the flight is expected to finish its high-tech scanning of a designated swathe of sea floor in the remote Indian Ocean by July.

Speaking on the two-year anniversary of the disappearance of the plane, Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak says he still holds out hope of finding the Malaysia Airlines aircraft, which crashed en route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing with 239 people on board, including six Australians.

The Malaysian Prime Minister said today that a meeting would be held to determine the next step, if the plane is not found by mid-year.

So far, only a piece of wing, known as a flaperon, discovered in July last year has been confirmed by authorities to belong to the missing Boeing 777.

Earlier, Australian Transport Minister Darren Chester said finding the aircraft would give answers to the world, in particular the families of missing loved ones.

Mr Najib said the discovery of debris - the flaperon - on the island of Reunion last July provided further evidence that "flight MH370 tragically ended in the southern Indian Ocean".

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