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Liow: We must let verification process take its course

In the last two weeks, a total of three pieces of debris have been discovered in Mozambique and the French island of Reunion.

The first, which was located in Mozambique, has been brought back to Malaysia by a team from the Department of Civil Aviation Malaysia (DCA), the Malaysian ICAO Annex 13 Safety Investigation Team for MH370 and Malaysia Airlines (MAS). It is currently in the custody of the MH370 Safety Investigation Team which is conducting the independent technical investigation in accordance with ICAO Annex 13.

We are aware of another piece of debris, also discovered in Mozambique, which was reportedly found by a South African family. As the debris was taken back to South Africa by the family, DCA has been in contact with the South African authorities on this matter to arrange for the South African authorities to take custody of it. A Malaysian team consisting of the Malaysian ICAO Annex 13 Safety Investigation Team for MH370, DCA and MAS will be despatched in due course to take custody of the piece from the South African Civil Aviation Authority.

Once this second piece of debris is brought back to Malaysia, both pieces of debris recovered from Mozambique will then be sent to Australia for further examination and verification by experts from the Malaysian ICAO Annex 13 Safety Investigation Team for MH370, which comprises seven Accredited Representatives from seven international Air Accident and Incident Investigation Organisations, the Australian Transport Safety Bureau, the National Transportation Safety Board of the USA, and Boeing.

The third piece of debris was found on Reunion Island, where the MH370 flaperon was discovered last July. A Malaysian team from DCA and the Malaysian ICAO Annex 13 Safety Investigation Team for MH370 has inspected the piece. The debris will be transferred to France for verification by the French authorities, with the participation of the Malaysian ICAO Annex 13 Safety Investigation Team for MH370.

It is important to re-emphasize that at this juncture, it has not been confirmed whether any of the recovered debris came from MH370. It is therefore crucial for verification of all three pieces to be conducted by the respective teams of experts in Australia and France.

During this time, I urge the public to avoid premature and unwarranted speculation. The Ministry of Transport Malaysia will provide official updates when information becomes available.

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