

Almost Certain It's From MH370

KUALA LUMPUR: The two pieces of debris found in Mozambique are “almost certainly” from missing Malaysia Airlines flight MH370, said Transport Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai.

“They (investigators) managed to verify that these two pieces of debris belong to Boeing 777 parts.

“The paint and stencil on these two pieces are similar to MAS’ (Malaysia Airlines) paint and also that they concluded that (the parts) are almost certainly (from) MH370,” Liow told reporters after the launch of DRB-Hicom Asia Cargo Express’ new livery and logo for its air freight services here yesterday.

MH370 disappeared over the South Indian Ocean on March 8, 2014, with 239 people, including crew, on board.

Australian Transport Minister Darren Chester had earlier said following analysis by experts probing the missing flight, the two pieces of debris found in Mozambique were “almost certainly from MH370”.

Liow also said the Government had sent a team to South Africa to get another piece of possible MH370 debris found on its shore.

“We’re waiting for the South African authorities to give us the green light to retrieve the debris from Australia for further verification,” he said.

There was also a need, said Liow, to send a team to look for more debris around South Africa and Mozambique as well.

This would likely happen after they get the go-ahead from South Africa to take the debris, he added.

Some 120,000 sq km of ocean area are currently being searched, which may end around June or July.

On another matter, Liow said the MH17 international investigation team had come to Malaysia “in the last two days” to talk about the best way to take the case to court.

The team consists of members from five countries – Australia, Belgium, Malaysia, the Netherlands and Ukraine.

“We are determined to find justice for the victims of MH17,” Liow said.

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