

DISCOVERY OF MORE AIRCRAFT DEBRIS STRENGTHENS THEORY MH370 ENDED IN INDIAN OCEAN – LIOW

BENTONG, March 30 (Bernama) -- The discovery of more aircraft debris in South Africa's waters, believed to from Malaysia Airlines (MAS) Flight MH370, bolsters experts' theory that the ill-fated aircraft ended up in the southern Indian Ocean, said Transport Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai.

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"Prior to this, aircraft debris (from MH370) were found in Mozambique and La Reunion Island, which indicates it (MH370) is there (southern Indian Ocean).

"But the effort to look for it is not easy because it involves powerful currents in waters measuring 120,000 km square and six kilometres deep, so the people must understand...this is difficult work but must be continued," he said.

According to Liow, with the finding of the debris, it was hoped that the mystery of the missing aircraft could be unravelled and end the search mission which is into the second year at a cost exceeding RM500 million.

"What is important is that we want to look (for the aircraft) until we find it. We pray the aircraft will be found as soon as possible because we do not want it to stay a mystery.

"We (government) want answers because we have to answer the next-of-kin. Otherwise, more conspiracy theories will emerge and if this happens it is not good for the national image and the people of Malaysia," he said.

So far six pieces of aircraft debris have been found and are believed to be linked to MH370 which went missing on March 8, 2014 while heading to Beijing, China from Kuala Lumpur with 239 passengers and crew.

The aircraft was then announced as having ended up in the southern Indian Ocean with the search in an area of 120,000 km square expected to end in June.

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