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Q : Saya Shima dari TV Al Hijrah, Datuk Seri sekali lagi saya bertanya. Setelah 24 hari, bila agaknya penjelasan mendalam daripada pihak teknikal terutama dari Boeing dan dijelaskan dalam sidang media ini. Dan soalan ke-2 saya apakah kemungkinan yang boleh disimpulkan setakat ini setelah semua objek yang dikesan setakat ini tiada kaitan dengan MH370. Terima Kasih.

A : Soalan ke-2 itu, memang tadi dalam kenyataan saya dah mengesahkan mana yang kata dah dapat kumpul dan bawa kembali kepengkalan tidak boleh dikaitkan dengan MH370. Setakat ini tetapi operasi untuk mengesan..... dan barangan yang melalui satelit masih berterusan hubungkait dengan kepakaran. Saya menyatakan peringkat awal ini oleh kerana ada keluarga dari Beijing dan satu briefing atau taklimat yang diberikan kepada mereka dan kali ini melibatkan pakar-pakar tertentu supaya permintaan mereka untuk mendapat maklumat tambahan dapat dipenuhi. Ini saya tak tahu lagi samada melibatkan Boeing tetapi pakar-pakar lain seperti daripada MTSB sedang dibincangkan dalam masa terdekat ini.

Q : Datuk Seri, Helma from Capital TV, since like all the debris has found not with MH370 is that any time frame for the search on the debris find debris is that any backup plan it at all none of the debris is MH370 is that any other procedure or backup plan to any other investigation to be carry out.

A : I monitor statement conving of Perth very closely there is no indication of the time line itself and i feel we fare to the familie and located that all system go and

there is no letting out at the moment in this week as i announced our prime minister is going to be in Perth on Wednesday, i think it looks search we going to continue what happen later, we have discuss it, but i think to be fair to the families that is something that i will not want to share with the public at the moment because our focus is still to find the airoplane.

Q : Assamualaikum Datuk Seri, I'm Zain from Astro Awani give explain what has be done Air France 30 days after their crash on flight 447 and we can (13.07) in our search in operation talking about...

To MR A J as employer what and your stand regarding investigation of your pilot you stand by or defence you pilot and this your anyone to insane...

A : Let me answer interview of pilot , now as far as we concern is our rule is aorganisation to fully cooperate that investigation we know is pilot and we know they are qualified in their experience of flight the aircraft but like i said we are we have to fully coperate with the investigate authorities as for their record i concern i think we have announced they bacground their record to all that, okey.

In aspect of French team i mention earlier in previous press conference i have made with them especially Mr. John Paul Thuded who was the head of the French investigator team from the Director General of BEA and thehir be very very cooperative part at the reason why we are using the black box piyer locater through PICOM and through the system from the us using the vessal from Australia were input given by the French team. What happened after the 30 days expires i have also been discuss and again i dont think this is the appropriate PC to reveal such information.

Q : Assalammualaikum Datuk Seri, i'm Ismail from BERNAMA. I have two questions. First will be for Datuk Seri and second for the Ahmad Johari.

First one, he has beenthan more it since Prime Minister, Dato' Sri Najib announced that the flight MH370 has ended in the middle of Indian Ocean so yet nothing has been found so far and nothing to be confirmed so will these race the possibility race back possibility of the plane the hijacked and still at large.

And the second question for Ahmad Johari, what is your opinion or comment the intention of the Chinese family member to take legal action towards Malaysia Airlines when nothing has been confirmed yet. Thank you.

A :The fact that the possibility of the hijacked and that i said previously said that there are four areas that their focusing on including hijacked and that will continue ..as regard to announcement by the Prime Minister you know the area of responsibility is Australia and has you know the effort be taken by Australia authorities is very commendable it's supported by 7th nation just for that quadrons the Prime Minister who is going to traveling to Perth on Wednesday will be fully going how i think is going to be have been conducted how to going ,i'm probably been discussing on what plan i had.

For the second question about the law civil supposed by the Chinese families , MAS obviously has not been noticefied and we have to be we will have to know what those are sivil are there are before we respons.

Q : Good afternoon Datuk Seri, i have two questions , I'm Liu from Chinese Daily, You mention just now there will be as specific briefing to the Chinese families the relatives meaning that how about the relatives from the aircraft countries will be conducted another briefing or will be join briefing and at the mean time will be no specific briefing in Beijing the second question is the families members press conference yesterday at Subang demanding apologies from Malaysia company and your respond thank.

A : I will respond the apologies part at the reason for that request to.....that Prime Minister or the government at stated at the plane the crashed and that we will no survival that totally is irony and if i can quote the Prime Minister actually said and he said on the 24 of March based on March their analysis in MEASAT and AEIB has concluded that MH370 fly along the India Ocean west of Perth. This is a remote location for any possible landing size is therefore with deep sadness and regard that i must inform you that quote for data Flight MH370 ended in the Southern India Ocean there were no mention of a crashed or survivors or no survivors.

On the briefing the , that Datuk Seri Hishammuddin mention the government is setting about high level briefing for the annual case or the Chinese families have i think it will be done soon and i think the plan is also to take out briefing live to their families in Beijing so, we don't have to repeat it.

Q : i'm daripada Kosmo. Soalan saya mengenai ada pakar mendakwa ketika pesawat itu melakukan air turn back ia melakukan dengan sempurna seolah olah tidak berlaku situasi cemas. Cemas dalam aircraft. Mungkin ada rumusan yang dibuat oleh pasukan penyiasat mengenai perkara itu.

A : Saya kalau ada pun saya belum terima apa-apa maklumat berhubung dengan kenyataan tadi.

Q : Datuk Seri, saya Sophia Ahmad daripada BH. Sebelum ini Datuk Seri kata ada perbincangan dengan pihak China Southern Airlines untuk sama-sama memikul tanggungjawab kerana pesawat itu adalah adakah perkembangan terkini daripada perbincangan itu adakah mereka telah bersetuju untuk bersama-sama bertanggungjawab.

A : Kami sudah berbincang dengan Chinese Southern sebenarnya ini pesawat kami itu pasal tanggungjawab lebih kepada kami mereka hanyalah coach yang partner sahaja.

Q : Dia orang ada persetujuan tak untuk sama-sama bertanggungjawab

A : Diorang bersetuju untuk bekerjasama dengan kita untuk menolong the families

Q : (not clear)..... latest will be status of the internal investigation how far it is gone... (not clear).... The secondly, is it possible for you to give us the location... (not clear).....

A : The internal investigation you will refers to the police investigation, let I said one two pc's soon the IGP should come out. I don't have any more information but from what I have been indicated to the media in the last few days as regard to the seek hand shake was actually distributed the diagram weather a hand shake.... (not clear)....

I think the hand shake that the information that was given by MEASAT and that is very important criteria for the analysis to be done by the investigator now, with Boeing, NTSB, AIB I think that something that we are unable to issue the statement now. Thank you.

Q : Hye... I;m.... from CNN.... When... clarify some of..... (not clear).....

A : The details of the air traffic controlling the aircraft give direction the aircraft that will be look very carefully by the investigators look like and that will part of the investigating criteria and something that we just cannot reveal to you at this at this moment. The manner of the air traffic control at the time of the aircraft air turn back is one of the very important criteria for the investigator to look at that is something the investigator to look hard will see what actually wrong with the aircraft and what are the problem face by both the controller.... If their saying any so I can't reveal to you what is been, what are the diversity are going to do that we leave it to the investigator to investigate.

Can I just give you an assurance because I announced earlier that be internal inquiry about the airforce is ... (not clear)..being done. I was so indicated at the Ministry of Transport is convincing an international enquiry panel that will consist all the expert around the world in parliament recently we will debating either to have royal commission or parliamentaries select committee to discuss this matter. Now all this enquiries already in place and the truth will reveal and will be out there. So, basically when you asking for question which is part and parcel of investigation. We have talking about transcript you must be fair to us because only those who have who are doing the investigation can give locater. It comes a time this can be shared with the public with the concern when

By all means, I will declare but any event by end of the day an answerable to the royal commission nor the parliamentary committee to the national enquiry report. So, we are not hiding anything we just following the procedure and these are being sad.

Like I said, let then enquiries show what it show.

Q : You mention you cannot discuss this now because the investigation is on going. But this information has been put out already by the document both(not clear)..... Would you track to determine and the briefing to the families in Beijing slides were displayed public on the computer, so the(not sure)..... of the airplane that we has know revealed but not to the press. My first question is, could you explain why you can tell this to the families and you can put it out in the search or you not discuss it with us.

A : I'm not sure. You go on with the second question.

Q : I must let you answer the first.

A : I'm more interested to hear you second question is.

Q : My second question is regarding the release of interviews with pilot's wife, pilot's wife and daughter to the Daily Mail in UK. Somewhere apparently the police has revealed the transcript of those interviews including..... (not clear) of those women..... Our query is that the sanction of the party investigation to release of these documents and did not (not clear).....of the investigation. (not clear).....and how..(not clear)

A : One that I can confirm is that I don't think that it came from the police and how to Daily Mail got that information you have to ask the Daily Mail. As regard to the issue of information has been revealed outside the press conference and or speculation and diagrams in google or anything else in the internet. I cannot confirm or discount. I can only base on what i've informed you in my PCs.

Q : This was released by you.

A : By me? I don't think, I will clarify that, I will not going to debate about it here. Like I said we have our PC everyone and if that is something that has been informed by then I will clarify it, no by deal.

Q : But the round of the aeroplane.....

A : The family briefing's were closed door.

Q : Good afternoon, James from CC News. I want to ask you about the envoy that is.....(not clear).....that were sent to briefing you said you want him to be a liaison for the Chinese families. My question is should she be here in Kuala Lumpur given that at least representative to the families.....(not clear).....yesterday(not clear).....but secondly, also should be, the government is aware of the sensitivity around the families. You saw it on Saturday, the pain, very deep pain, do you think it is enough to have someone here happens to be ethnic Chinese would, should be. (not clear).....to pray again change the way from.....(not clear).....to some resolution. Thank you.

A : I asked the Indonesian delegation today about the seven Indonesian passengers and their families and whether they face any problems as regards to information as required and the answer given to me was no. There are other nationals also onboard that plane, whose families are also grieved including Malaysians and I met up with them and no, I do not see any major problems. Of course, they wanted me to give an assurance that the SAR continues and I did. They wanted me not to give up hope no matter, how remote to look for survivors. I said that always been in my prayers. And they indicated to me that no matter what it takes if we're going to the next phase, if we do find the debris related to the satellite images, we will do whatever it takes to locate the black box and the plane if it need be. Those are rational request and I engaged them and majority of the families have been very reasonable. As regards to those who may feel otherwise, is a work in progress and me continue to engage them and the appointment of Chew Mei Fun earlier specifically to address the families in China is really trying to understand with the Chinese authorities of how and what needs and to be done to assist them in this difficult time . Nobody is denying that it's difficult for all of us and it doesn't apply to only Chinese nationals who have lost loved ones plus to 13 others countries, but this extra effort that we have put on with regards to the Chinese families purposely because of the number of passengers involving Chinese families bigger than the rest. And secondly, we want to engage and inform huge population of Chinese that may listen to speculation and make different assumptions about what is going on. And we have been very consistant and we're moving to the next phase and your James and CCTV is fully aware how committed I am to engaging them.

Q : Datuk Seri, could you confirm Datuk Seri....(not Clear) what was the last word spoken, pilot and co pilot, I mean there's new regulation some other words, remarks and whose.....(not clear).....reports at the FBI have cleared pilot..... (not clear) ... of anything based on the finding of the flight simulator, can you confirm that Datuk Seri?

A : I was told that statement came out from the FBI themselves, I'm not quite sure about that report but I can confirm my own personel involvement with the investigation that relate to FBI was from Day One, and any indicator yes or no or otherwise coming from the FBI they have to take it has FBI's face value. On our part, I would like to go through the process of the enquiry and like I said, we cannot stray from the focus of finding the airplane because a lot of these answers can be answered, if we find the black box and time is running out. As far as signals coming out from the black box, if it is indeed, in the Indian Ocean.

The 1st question is indirectly is asking from the transcript and like I said again its part of the investigations and you smiled and I've obviously the right point. If it's so important, let me talk to the experts and investigators and if it can be revealed, it be revealed. I don't think its going to show anything sinister.

Q :Just two questions. The reasons why India....(not clear) so many....(not clear).....94 ...is itsearch areas looked up again. As the search.....(not clear)

A (HH) : No, no. It's just that to get through to where the search areas are, they have to go through Indonesian airspace. The point that I mentioned about the number of sorties is the number of cooperation and the coordination that is required is unprecedented, that's all.

Q : Australia is.....(not clear) exception.....(not clear)

A : Yes. As you know we have divided the areas of search into quadrants and so happened that the lead we have right now is in the quadrants in which Australia is responsible too, and they have been very cooperative and very committed and I really would like to take this opportunity to not only thank them but to request they continue, against a lot of challenges, weather, distance, but I see that everyday they have not let us down especially the families.

Q : So lastly, there will be no PC while you're away since you're leaving tomorrow right?

A : I can have PC when I'm away. Ya, the world is so borderless right now.

Session ends.