

**PRESS CONFERENCE: MH 370**

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Q : Assalamualaikum , Saya dari Astro Awani , Datuk Seri, mungkin Datuk Seri boleh memberikan pandangan daripada badan penyiasat berkenaan penumpang MH370 ini masih hidup . Ini kerana hanya setakat ini hanya MH370 yang dinyatakan yang terperangkap tiada yang selamat . Dan bagaimanapun PM terdahulu telah menyatakan tidak pun menyatakan ia berlepas, jadi apakah maknanya ini dan daripada pandangan penyiasat sendiri adakah masih berharap penumpang MH370 ini masih selamat.

A: Ini adalah harapan dari keluarga dari perjumpaan saya dengan mereka bahawa apa jua keadaan, betapa tipis pun berkemungkinan mereka masih lagi selamat. Doa dan usaha kita untuk mencari mereka dan kemungkinan walaupun tipis masih selamat itu masih menjadi pegangan mereka. Sebab itu saya merayu kepada orang ramai, kenyataan YAB Perdana Menteri hanya menyatakan kapal terbang itu telah pun habis penerbangannya di Lautan Hindi tidak bermakna bahawa ianya terhempas , sebab itu kita mesti memahami mereka yang masih lagi berharap dan berdoa, *I even though it, it*

*is miracle, even though it hoping against hope, is that is wishes of the family . I think is that is only proper that we respect the decision pray that miracle that's happened.*

Q : Good evening Datuk Seri, *I am from Malaysia* Kini. I direct took question MAS CEO Datuk Ahmad Jauhari, the first one regarding accident *aviance workshop* Subang work the accident aviation workshop, is that the workshop process any equipment for MH370. This is the question number one the second question is, there are reports that says pantry of MH370 black box is build on 2012, and MAS did not do replacement for this batteries, so it make the pinger of the black box is shorter. So can you respond over this?

A: First of all we do have workshop, in Malaysia Airlines, We do repair and also service the equipment and all the aircraft. So that workshop has certified to do so. And as far as the battery, what is reported we have, we confirmed that the maintenance programmed where by the batteries replaced prior to expiry and we do know that the battery due for replacement only in June 2014.

Q : Sehingga hari ini, hampir sebulan kita adakan sidang media sama ada di hotel atau PWTC . Kita masih lagi menunggu keputusan pasukan teknikal Boeing untuk bersama-sama dengan kita, menjelaskan aspek-aspek teknikal tentang pesawat tersebut. Boleh Dato Seri komen sedikit, kenapa sampai sekarang mereka masih belum lagi tampil ke hadapan untuk menerangkan aspek-aspek teknikal tersebut.

A: Terima kasih, untuk pengetahuan semua pasukan Boeing ada bersama kita, mereka bersama-sama degan pasukan penyiasat di manakah penerbangan tersebut berakhir, dan mereka bekerjasama dengan NTSB, AAIB, dan juga pasukan daripada penyiasat Australia dan juga Negara China. Mereka ada di sini, dan juga kita, mereka juga dihubungi melalui telefon, melalui komunikasi yang lain, e-mel mengenai apa yang dijalankan untuk menyiasat ‘performance of the aircraft’ prestasi aircraft supaya penyiasat di sini dapat mengenal pasti di mana letaknya pesawat di akhir

perkembangan pesawat tersebut. Jadi mereka sentiasa berada dengan pasukan tersebut.

A2: Dan perkembangan terkini seperti saya umumkan tadi, tiga kumpulan siasatan yang telah kita wujudkan dan pakar-pakar ini semua akan menjadi anggota kepada kumpulan ini dan pada masa-masa yang akan datang, dan apabila ianya sesuai nanti, saya percaya mereka akan tampil ke hadapan, tidak ada perkara yang perlu kita nak sembunyikan tetapi biarlah ikut prosedur dan struktur yang telah kita tubuhkan.

Q: Kita maklum bahawa imej-imej satelit yang didapati sekarang daripada sumber satelit . cuaca dan “ geo imaging” dari Thailand, Jepun, Australia dan Perancis. Soalan saya ada atau tidak pihak lain untuk mengutamakan Amerika Syarikat menawarkan data daripada maklumat satelit perisikan, jikalau tidak ada mengapa?

A: Setakat yang ini, dari segi imej satelit imaging, kita dah mengenalpasti ada enam dan ini pun kita dah umumkan kepada pihak media, tidak ada maklumat terkini atau laporan dan data baru yang berhubung kait dengan data satelit dan seperti semua maklum, usaha kita sekarang ialah untuk memastikan bahawa pesawat dan kapal-kapal yang ada dapat melihat sendiri di kawasan-kawasan yang telah pun di kenalpasti itu sama ada objek yang telah pun dapat ditangkap melalui satelit merupakan objek yang datangnya daripada MH370 . Itu tumpuan kita hari ini dan tidak ada lagi image yang baru setahu saya.

Q : The 227 passengers have been cleared of any suspicion, how about the crew members ? Why is it taking so long ?

A: I don't think anybody has been cleared from any of the investigations and like I said as far as the which include the crew as well, the four possibilities that I constantly

reminded us, just weather investigation on terrorism, hijacking, psychological or personal that as I know, is still on going.

Q : During the last press conference , one of the question that was raised is about the diagram that was presented in Beijing which show that aircraft instead of direct sharply the aircraft may have looped. So this diagram has been confirmed, has this been clarified, whether or not the aircraft did the instead of divert to the left. The other question is for Datuk Ahmad Jauhari CEO MAS. During the last press conference at SAMA-SAMA Hotel , I remember asking about the fuel capacity of MH370 so it you told us before that is flight MH370 was flying with reserve capacity up to eight hour flies. During the time the flight was last detected at 8.11am. between the corridor. That was already about eight hour flight. So is it possible for the aircraft to fly further down to Southern Indian Ocean when they are less than half and hour fuel capacity in the aircraft. So exactly how much is the fuel capacity in that plane during that time?

A: For the first question, the manner that the aircraft may the turn as reported in the Beijing by next of kin is not true. The aircraft does not make a loop and turn to the left, That's not true.

A2: As far as the fuel concern, we knew that the aircraft took eight hour of fuel, the exact figure is within investigation team. So in terms of the weight of the fuel, so when we co-relate that with the last known signals 8.11am there about, is about 8 hours af flight. So we do not have any move after that. I know they are looking for sum more data nut that is aircraft just run out of fuel. ....has revealed that he spend more than 3 million dollars so far in the search MH370 . In has Malaysian Tax Payers have spent. And if you can't reveal it now, when can the public know?

A3: As I said earlier, our main focus and what I promise to the families is really to look for their loved ones the plane. That goes beyond dollars and cents.

Q: If you think Malaysia should apologize to all the nationality on board. It only to smooth diplomatic times. Even if what happen is necessarily not our fault but it was still our plane when missing.

A: I don't think there's one solution to smooth anything. In this tragic incident therefore MOT just an apology that way require, a lot of soul searching requires a lot of supports, involve a lot of sharing of information and data. But what is more important now, is to remain focus, which is already is a massive task to locate the aircraft in the Indian Ocean with all these challenges and to co-ordinate that. The sophisticated equipment that been used in the ...is a massive operation but what give me strength now is not about money, apology but the fact that so many people look at it in such a positive way. I have come forward willingly to assist, and that is something that we can, especially to get down to get to the truth of what actually happen to MH370.

Q: for four weeks, into this, and I know you are working ....and I want go back over, you know right from the start just a little bit you can bear with me, I know that other countries have helped contributing their radars records as me combine all of that , work with international team members , what do we really know about how many changes it made, about what is the longest altitude was, what was last known altitude in position MAS. Have you got radar knowledge today, radar understanding to depth?.

A: Good question. Try to find out what actually happened? But my simple answer would be me can actually find the aircraft black box, that would give more to what me already home, but my discussion with ASEAN Defense Ministers, and our forum with the United States, in Hawaii yesterday, in shamed how much we can learn from this incident and we looking at the whole new landscape be it by satellite, be primary, secondary radar civil or military and it makes us all. Re-look at our capability and capacity. In the context of ASEAN, for an example all nation for the flight, for the beginning we work so closely together. In south China Sea, In Andaman and looking at the primary radar and all that will have to the digested and those panel of establishing which will include experts from

most of the countries. I think will make us really look that landscape that you are asking about , but I would not limit it specifically to this particular case because it is an ongoing operation that we are doing the SAR, and I said in this particular case, by finding data, black box and plane itself. I think that will help us in finding out what happened to MH370, but bigger than that how we are today after a month, require all of us, the world actually at what we can do move together and I think that is much more positive way at looking what journey that we gain on through right now.

Q: How many countries.....

A: I just can rely on what I relate to you just now about ASEAN and the data in my capacity as Defense Minister, I have no problem getting military information and the radars from these countries. The countries are outside ASEAN unless I get their permission you will appreciate this is sensitive information you might not want to ask them directly, but as far as ASEAN is concern and from my own experience, there's been no country out there in this particular stage, and there is been an hindrance to our request to the further information for MH370, whether it's from satellite or radar whether from military or civil.

.Q: Considering search analysis and investigating you took a very long time to produce concrete result. So what claim do you have converting making the arrangement about the relatives?

A: Once we have any evidence of the aircraft we make the arrangement to fly all the relatives and also families down too. I think the correct arrangement is to fly them to Perth

Q: Can I also allow Dato' Hamzah Zainudin who are now as the Deputy Minister Foreign Affairs leading the ministerial Committee regarding the next of kin to say few words.

A: We are actually just formed our new committee, we are looking at the possibilities, the committee is actually to look into the pre and past conclusion of operation MAS is part of our committee. The reason been we are not looking at into one county alone. But there are many other nationalities have involved, that is the reason actually we formed the committee. By having this committee we can coordinate the work done by MAS and also the other agencies in order for us to relook at overall in term pre and past of conclusion operation in the future.

A2 : Can I also add that the from the reports that I have received cooperation from the missions and from the countries in which the passengers are came from. Also we have of a great assistance to us. In this case the China of course got the most number of passengers that one missing close cooperation between China and Malaysian is in practice. And that is why Deputy Minister of foreign Affairs is been appointed to lead this committee.

Q: We are approaching the 1 month that marks the MH370 disappeared, now we have reports stating that this is the most expensive search in aviation degree so far and that the Prime Minister tony Abbott has said so far on nation are bearing their own cost not for the one point we have to discuss about what happen going forward, you have mentioned previously that this is not the time yet. But we are getting to that time. Can you tell us anything about what will happen beyond that 1 month scaling back the search anything like that?

A: Yes, I only speak for Malaysia and Malaysia will not stop looking for MH370.

Q: You know what how long would it take for you to declare that the aircraft is lost and move on, how long could you take? It is there commercial in that then?

A: Yes. There is no commercial stand when the aircraft will be declared...that's more of a, if you talk about the law in Malaysia about missing person, you have to wait for 7

years, you know. But that's human being. But for aircraft, to search for the aircraft, as mention by the minister we won't stop, we will look for the aircraft as long as it takes.

Q: Sir, it has been more than about two weeks I think since the search begin in the India Ocean, and so far there's no wreckage been found. I just want to find out do expert and the search teams, do we believe that the plane could have ended in the Indian Ocean somewhere in the ocean bit, therefor that's the reason why you have not find any wreckage. Could you perhaps is there a possible scenario that you have looking at?

A: That would be speculative and I would not want to go that road.

Q: ...not conclusive whose voice was heard from the cockpit recordings. Individual who have gone to the briefing of the families have told us that none of the family members have able to listen to that recording. It would seen that the families of the pilot or the co-pilot, the.....officer would be able to positively identify the voice of the recording. Why have you not allowed or neither able to let the families of the two individuals to listen to recordings.

A:It was 1st a transcript of the a conversation between the pilots and the tower, and I managed to convinced the investigating authority to release that, then on the audio I've been told that are still they are still investigating the audio, the evidence that exist and it is still pending investigation that cannot be released at the moment. That's it.

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