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Q : Semalam selepas 11 hari misi S&R, jurucakap tentera Thailand memberitahu radar tentera mereka di sebelah selatan mengesan pesawat dipercayai MH370 pada laluan bertentangan dengan laluan yang sepatutnya dilalui pesawat tersebut. Dan masa yang sama, Panglima Tentera Udaraanya, Marsyal Prajin Jantong memberitahu bahawa radar di udara tidak mengesan pesawat tersebut. Adakah maklumat ini telah disahkan dan bagaimana pula perkembangan dengan misi di koridor Utara selepas pendedahan?

A: Sebab itulah saya apa jua maklumat yang kita terima mestilah dapat kolaborasi daripada pihak-pihak berkenaan dan saya sendiri telah berjumpa dan, bukan berjumpa, menghubungi The Permanent Secretary The Ministry of Defence Thailand, Jeneral Nipat Thonglek. Sebab tu kita tak boleh mengesahkan apa yang telah dinyatakan tadi sama ada ya atau tidak.

Q : Saya nak tanya mengenai simulator. Bila agaknya maklumat yang dipadamkan akan diperolehi oleh pihak polis. And then. Mengenai S&R. Selepas 30 hari apa yang akan..... (not that clear).

A: (H.H) Saya baru berjumpa dengan delegasi dengan dan juga satu pasukan daripada Perancis pagi tadi di mana mereka mempunyai pengalaman dalam tragedi Air Force di mana dua tahun diambil untuk menghubungi untuk mendapat black box

berkenaan dengan pesawat Air Force tadi. Dan maklumat-maklumat dan pengalaman mereka akan membantu kita untuk membuat keputusan selanjutnya. (IGP) Berkenaan dengan simulator itu, pakar-pakar forensik kita termasuk dari Cyber Security, dari MAS sendiri dan juga pakar-pakar daripada luar negara sedang menelitinya. Dan apa yang dimaksudkan dengan yang dah padam tu, adalah log, data log kepada permainan flight simulator dalam simulator itu.

Q: Berapa orang yang sedang menyiasat?

A: Adalah beberapa orang yang pakar dalam bidang itu.

Q : Question is not clear (too far from the mic or probably not using the mic)

A : I've said that yesterday that the area we are covering North and South corridors is huge, and our immediate focus is how to reduce the search area from these two corridors. And the way to move forward and reducing it is in form way that we have decided on, one is gathering the satellite information, as I said earlier. Secondly is analyzing the radar data as it become available whether it's primary or secondary commercial or military. Thirdly increasing the air and assets. It depends very much on when and how we do it and how we are going to do the search will depend on what assets are going to be deploy. And finally increasing the number of technical experts which includes the French delegations that I met earlier today.

Q : How significant is the research?

A : We will leave that to the experts who are with us today. In every aspect, so the fourth area in which we want to reduce because we cannot move away from the focus of reducing the corridor. And the fourth area was increasing the number of technical experts and that includes those experts that can actually analyze and digest the data that is available to us.

Q : Encik Jauhari, Unions said that they have not been briefed on any progress of SAR. Can you comment on that? (not that clear)

A : We have officially informed all our Unions, in house unions. I have not officially informed the Nationals Flight Attendants Unions. We are not sure whether the crews onboard were members of the Union. We do know that all flight crews, I'm

talking about the cabin crews, all cabin crews in Malaysia Airlines are represented by the in house union right now.

Q : Dato' Sri, mengenai SAR di koridor selatan, bagaimana operasi mengesan di sana kerana kita tahu di koridor utara, bnyak tanah dari lautan? Mengenai simulator, kita diberitahu, perlukan sedikit lagi masa untuk siasatan, apakah benar dakwaan berkaitan perisian simulator menjumpai landasan pendek di sekitar Maldives dan juga India?

A : Very appropriate question, as regards to the southern corridor which is a vast mass of open sea. And that is our, some priority is given to that area. This morning I spoke to Admiral Locklear from PACOM, in trying to identify equipment that would assist us in locating the possibility of the black box if that's the focus. And the French expert that I spoke to earlier this afternoon, in looking for the black box which took them 2 years in the Atlantic. The equipment that they use, we are now identifying the assets but as far as the primary radar is concerned, there are only 2 countries in the southern corridor, that can assist us, that is Indonesia and Australia and both have indicated that they are willing to lead in the SAR operations in that sense.

A : Flight simulator ini kita baru ambil pada hari Ahad yang lepas 16.03, bukan sebulan lah. Dr simulator ini kita dapati mengandungi tiga permainan flight simulator. Yang pertamanya dinamakan Flight Simulator X, yang kedua Flight Simulator 9 dan yang ketiga X Flight 10. Jadi pakar-pakar sedang menelitinya. Tapi apa yang penting dalam perkara ini adalah ahli keluarga memberi kerjasama sepenuhnya. Apa juga yang kami perlukan, semua ahli keluarga mereka, kedua-dua pilot dan co-pilot dalam menjalankan siasatan, mereka beri sepenuh kerjasama dan kami tidak ada masalah dalam mendapatkan apa juga maklumat-maklumat berkenaan kedua-dua pilot dan co-pilot.

Q : Is it the time to apologize to the family now? Is the time not really now?

A : The time is still to look for the aircraft.

Q : Inspector General, where is this investigation going? What has been ruled out now?

A : The investigations are still focusing to the fourth areas that I've mentioned earlier on. I don't wish to elaborate. What has been ruled out? I think let us stay focus on the four areas. We will get to it.

Q : Can you confirmed that after the turn back radar data shows that the plane passed through two way points before it head down..... do you have evidence to support ?

A : I think we have passed through that stage now. What we are going to do now is to find the aircraft. That is more important. Let us investigate on that. I think that is the investigation is doing now. And what we are concentrating now is to find the aircraft. That is way we have this northern and southern corridor. And the reason why we are looking for the aircraft is that we hope that by locating the aircraft we are able to find the black box. And if we do find the black box and your question will be categorically answered. We have gone beyond that. We have information from the satellite that says that aircraft have flown up to the time 11 in the morning. We are concentrating our effort now to find the aircraft.

Q : There are reports today that the plane Can you confirm there is data that suggest the plane deliberately ?

A : That's not correct.

Q : There have been a heart breaking scene Your team are not capable of setting out and finding answers?

A : I fully understand what they are going through. Emotions are high. This is something that I have discussed with the France delegation this morning in dealing with the families. Earlier in this statement I indicated one of our main priority is also how to manage emotion and how to appease the families. I have indicated in my statement earlier that we are sending another high level team to travel to Beijing. To explain what we are doing. And I hope and appeal to everybody that tough we understand their concern we are trying our very best. And it is heart wrenching. Even for me.

Q : Can you confirm the southern corridor more interesting than the northern corridor?

A : Not interesting. It's much more challenging. They are both equally important.

Q : Some data in the simulator have been deleted this is something normal, unusual. Why don't you say?

A : What we have found out from the simulator that the data of the game have been cleared on 3rd of February. So that the experts are looking at what are the logs that has been cleared.

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