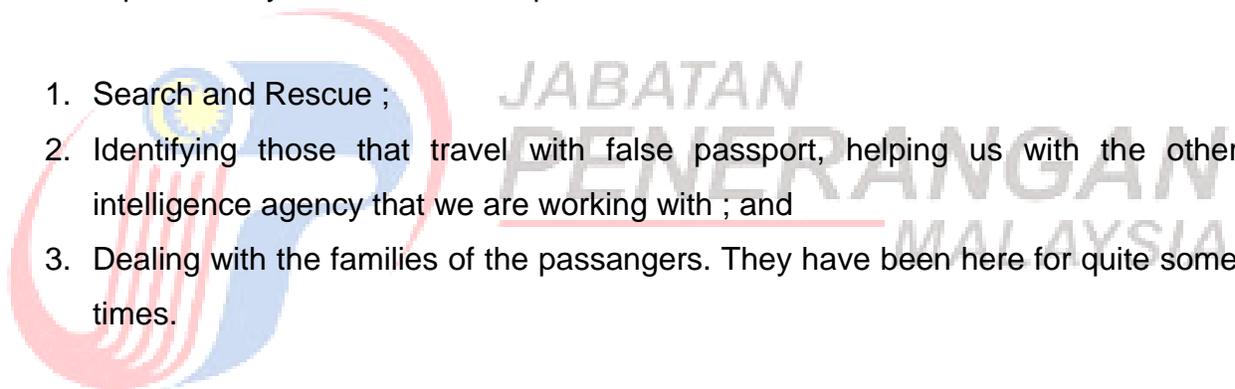


**PRESS CONFERENCE : MH 370
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SPOKESPERSON:

DATO' SERI HISHAMMUDDIN TUN HUSSEIN (ACTING MINISTER OF TRANSPORT)

I would like to share with you the development. Firstly, the fact that the search and rescue is our main focus. I just receive delegation from China based on my conversation with Chinese leadership last time and a very short notice. They have been here to operate very close on three aspects:

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1. Search and Rescue ;
 2. Identifying those that travel with false passport, helping us with the other intelligence agency that we are working with ; and
 3. Dealing with the families of the passangers. They have been here for quite some times.

Basically the response from the neighbouring countries to international agencies have been overwhelming. Coordinating this is not have not been easy but I am very happy that things are moving very fast and let us pray that we get some more positive results in the news future. But at the same time I would like to make plea especially to media and the public at large not to spread and disseminate unverified and false news for two reasons:

1. It affects our exercise of search and rescue because unverified or false news will distract us from work at hand; and
2. To be fair to the families of passanger who are hoping against hope. I do not want them to receive news that irresponsible, unverified and worst, still false

information. That is a plea on behalf of the families and those involved in this operation.

Finally, I would like to state again, that we have nothing to hide. This constant press conference that we are giving is really to update whatever development that we have though incremental but I believe that it is important for me to keep you guys informed.



QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Question 1

Q: Can you confirm that Malaysia have requested the Vietnamese Civil Aviation Authorities (VCAA) to look at a life raft object 140km south west of Tou Chu island spotted by Singapore aircraft.

A: There was a report today that we have just receive an aircraft see something like an inverted life raft. So we are contacting our counterpart. We are sending ship there to verify the object, the part. At the moment we have not receive any report on the matter. So we are still waiting for the report.

Question 2

Q: Are the stolen passports used by chinese?

A: No.

Question 3

Q: *Soalan tidak jelas.*

A: Tidak ada. Mereka merupakan wakil daripada kementerian-kementerian yang berkepentingan dan juga daripada parti dan ini hasil daripada perbincangan dua perdana menteri – China dan Malaysia (dua hari lepas, pukul 6). Dan perbincangan saya dengan beberapa pemimpin China semalam.

Question 4

Q: There are reports that China was a little unhappy with your investigation. Do you have any comments on that?

A: Far from that. I have a very long discussion with the number of leaders from the Chinese party and also ministers last night and in fact far from it the ambassadors has been making a lot of positive statements and he has been seeing first hand what we have been doing. And basically the task force is here is really to assist at my request.

Question 5

Q: *Question is not clear.*

A: I have been meeting up with the Intelligence Agency of USA yesterday and we have shared information both the biometric and the background of information and the visual that have been recorded in KLIA. And those information are now being digested by the relevant agencies both local and international. So until we get more information I will stop at that because I do not want that information to be revealed today to effect the ongoing investigation by those agencies.

Question 6

Q: There is a group from China claiming responsibilities, open letter was sent to media in China. Are we taking investigation?

A: We investigate all allegations but our focus is really to locate the aircraft. Basically all information with the agencies that are working with us. This sort of information we can relay to the agencies to get the confirmation. I just do not want to be distracted as I appeal to everybody earlier that unverified or false information will distract not only ongoing operation but it also affect the family members and i think it is not fair.

Q: Did the authorities see the open letter?

A: Yes and I don't think any sound ground to say it is true but again like I say we take a stand that we are not taking anything for granted.

Question 7

Q: Is there any updates from the oils leak?

A: No.

Question 8

Q: *Soalan tidak jelas.*

A: Dengan China kita berhubung dari awal lagi tetapi sekarang ini ada satu pasukan khas yang ditempatkan di sini untuk mmebantu kita dalam tiga perkara yang saya sebutkan awal tadi dan tiga perkara itulah yang saya tekankan dan memberi fokus dan tiada gunanya kita membincangkan perkara lain kalau sekiranya pesawat itu tidak dapat dikesan.

Question 9

Q: *Question is not clear.*

A: No, apart from it. In fact they make a point in our meeting with the relevant agency whether it is with MAS, KLIA or with our intelligence and the military. They said that they here only to assist and i appreciate that because of our strong relationship that we have not only with China but with the US yesterday. And as you know Singapore and Australia have deployed and I am pleased to inform that even New Zealand today has come on board with deploying one another orient so we now have four.

Question 10

Q: *Question is not clear.*

A: Yes, we will release in time. Because we have done a study on the whole manifest of all passengers concerned and with friends on board and to actually detail every single aspect of those passengers involved. But like I said before the information must get from the relevant authorities which it has to be digested when the times come it will not affect the ongoing investigation. You guys will be the first to know.

Question 11

Q: Di antara kemalangan dengan sabotaj yang mana Dato' Seri fikirkan?

A: Sehingga kita dapat jumpa pesawat, itu susah untuk kita nyatakan bahawa ia merupakan sabotaj atau kemalangan daripada awal lagi. Daripada awal lagi kita tidak tahu apa juga kemungkinan.

Question 12

Q: *Question is not clear.*

A: We have been taking the lead from the beginning.

Question 13

Q: *Question is not clear.*

A: I have release these pictures to the intelligence agencies with time in a very short period, then you can have the pictures.

Question 14

Q: *Question is not clear.*

A: The Malaysian representative is not here but we are working closely with them and I think the next press conference will get them to be here.

Question 15

Q: *Question is not clear.*

A: The investigation is still on but we do not have information right now.

Question 16

Q: *Question is not clear.*

A: Yes, they have arrive here, I am going to meet them very soon to check how they can help us and together work out programmes for the investigation if we find the aircraft. The question and the main thing is we have to find the aircraft or the part of the aircraft so that we can initiate the incident investigation if happened that way.

Question 17

Q: *Question is not clear.*

A: Like I said, it is still a pending investigation.

Question 18

Q: Is it possible to share the coordinate of the search area for graphic purposes? As part of your investigation are you looking into mental health background searches on the pilot or the crew that already something that you have look into? And have you found were in a good mental?

A: Initially it is not something that the aviation is not familiar with. They have been incident something like this before and normal procedures I believe will look into the mental state. Not only the pilot or whoever in the list of the passanger.

Q: Is it has been done yet?

A: It's ongoing. We will issue the chart to show you the area of our search in the seas. But I can share with you that today on the West Coast we have expanded the areas of our search.

Question 19

Q: *Question is not clear.*

A: That I think again will be looked by the investigators dealing with the two passangers. We are unable to reveal to you until the investigation has been done or they will give us the report. I know your concerns about the two individuals but I have indicated to you that we are using international intelligence agencies.

Question 20

Q: There was a man in Kelantan reported saw a white light and he thinks that it might be a plane and a fishing boat has been sent to that area. Can you verify that?

A: I cannot verify.