

DAP: Send Hisham and Muhyiddin to Moscow
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DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng has urged Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin to fly out to Russia to speak with his counterpart there on the downing of Malaysia Airlines MH17.

He said that both Russia and Ukraine, where the airline fell killing all 298 people on board, should be engaged as consensus from both countries are now needed to deal with the crash site.

He also said Defence Minister Hishammuddin Hussein should accompany Muhyiddin in the Russia talks.

However, Lim (right) was careful not to blame Russia, noting that the country which has been accused of backing East Ukraine separatists is a "super power".

"We need to talk to two countries and Russia is more important as it had influence over the region.

"Russia is a big country, it's a superpower and we should give them the respect.

"Malaysia is too small so we also understand but since there are diplomatic issues involved, Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin should go to Russia," Lim said after handing over financial aid to taxi drivers in conjunction with the Hari Raya celebrations.

Proposal to be made at emergency sitting

Lim, who is also Penang Chief Minister, said that he will make the proposal to engage Russia to at the emergency Parliament sitting called on Wednesday.

"This is not only to recognise the role played by Russia but also acknowledge them as a superpower," he added.

He noted that Ukraine is already engaged as Transport Minister Liow Tiong Lai (left) and Foreign Ministers Anifah Aman to the eastern European country for talks on the matter.

They are expected to raise alarm over the manner in which Russia-backed separatists, which have control of the Donestk region, where the plane crashed, are limiting access to the crash site.

Liow had questioned the integrity of the crash site as there were claims that the separatists

had tampered with the evidence, while looters were pillaging the victims' belongings.

Foreign monitors had reportedly been barred from entering the day after the crash by "intoxicated" separatist gunmen.

The Ukrainian Security and Defense Council Information Centre says the monitors are now accessing the site but are working "under the barrel of a gun".

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