

Report: M'sia withheld crucial data that could help find MH370

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Malaysia has withheld crucial data that could help find the missing MH370 from Australian authorities and independent aviation and data experts involved in the search, alleged a news report today.

Australian news website *News.com.au* made these shocking claims in an exclusive article.

"If you assumed those tasked with finding this needle in a haystack had been given every piece of information available to solve what is now regarded as the greatest aviation mystery in history, you would be wrong.

"*News.com.au* can reveal that Malaysia withheld, and continues to withhold, from the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) and consulting experts, vital radar data containing possible clues to the location of the Boeing 777 - or what is left of it," said the report.

The search for the Malaysia Airlines jet, which went missing en route to Beijing, China from Kuala Lumpur on March 8, 2014, officially ended on Tuesday after the search party failed to find any sign of the plane in a 12,000 sq km section of the Southern Indian Ocean.

The article also alleged that the Malaysian authorities were negligent and befuddled in the crucial hours after the plane went off radar.

It quoted two independent investigators of MH370's disappearance - American Victor Iannello and British Don Thompson - who concurred they have been denied access to data that could more accurately pinpoint the plane's location.

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