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Pledge to see justice done

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> Malaysia, Ukraine vow to bring MH17 culprits to book: PM

PUTRAJAYA: Malaysia and Ukraine are committed to finding out the truth on the downing of MH17 and bring the perpetrators to justice.

The pledge by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak and visiting Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko was made in a joint press conference between both leaders here yesterday after their bilateral meetings.

Najib said Malaysia and Ukraine are waiting for the criminal investigation report, which is expected to be released at the end of this year.

He said after the report was published, five countries – Australia, Belgium, Malaysia, the Netherlands and Ukraine – would meet again and agree on the next course of action.

“This (meeting) is to ensure that justice can be served on those who are responsible for the incident and perpetrators for shooting down the civilian aircraft.

“With respect to the MH17, we are committed to whatever we can do especially for the sake of the families who have lost their loved ones in that very tragic incident,” Najib said.

The Boeing B777 aircraft, with 298 people on board including crew, was shot down over eastern Ukraine while travelling from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur on July 17, 2014.

Echoing similar sentiments, Poroshenko said Ukraine was also committed to the need to complete the investigations of the MH17 tragedy and to engage all the possible ways to bring the perpetrators to justice.

“This is our way of paying tribute to the



Najib accompanies Poroshenko to the Prime Minister's Office after he arrived yesterday for a three-day official visit to Malaysia.

innocent lives lost as well as our duty to the victims and their families.

“I want to use this opportunity to offer my sincere condolences to all the families who suffered a lot from the disastrous terrorist attack of MH17,” he said.

Earlier, Najib and Poroshenko witnessed the signing of two treaties and an agreement between the two countries on various fields.

Both governments had concluded an agreement for the avoidance of double

taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income.

The agreement was signed by the Malaysian Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman and his counterpart Pavlo Klimkin.

Both ministers also inked a treaty on extradition.

Klimkin also signed the treaty on mutual legal assistance on criminal matters with Malaysia. – Bernama