

Tuanku Muhriz Expresses Regret Over Mas Flight Mh370 Incident

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SEREMBAN, April 11 (Bernama) -- Yang di-Pertuan Besar Negeri Sembilan Tuanku Muhriz Ibni Almarhum Tuanku Munawir said he and wife Tunku Ampuan Besar Tuanku Aishah Rohani binti Almarhum Tengku Besar Mahmud as well as the people of Negeri Sembilan are deeply concerned and have expressed regrets over the incident that had befallen the Malaysia Airlines (MAS) flight MH370 en route to Beijing on March 8.

"I hope family members of the passengers and crew of the aircraft will be strong in facing the challenge and fate," he said at the opening ceremony of the First Sitting of the Second Term of the 13th State Legislative Assembly, here Friday.

Also present at the ceremony were Tuanku Aishah Rohani and the Undang Yang Empat and Tunku Besar Tampin as well as Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan.

The MAS flight MH370, carrying 227 passengers including 152 Chinese nationals, and 12 crew members, disappeared about an hour after taking off from the KL International Airport at 12.41am. The aircraft was scheduled to arrive in Beijing at 6.30am on the same day.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak had announced on March 24, 17 days after the aircraft disappeared that the Flight MH370 had 'ended in the southern Indian Ocean'.

Tuanku Muhriz said his government was committed in ensuring a better quality of life and prosperity for the urban and rural dwellers including the Orang Asli community in the state.

He said that in the ever challenging global environment, efforts must be redoubled to ensure that the people in this region continued to enjoy national development.

Thus, a new initiative was needed to develop the rural areas as well as the capacity of the urban community.

"I understand that among the integrated approach adopted to raise the socio-economic standard of the rural dwellers is the 'Rimbunan Kaseh' project implemented in Seberang Batu Hampar, Rembau which will accommodate 100 low-income families who have yet to own a house and are prepared to work in a high-tech agricultural plantation," said the Ruler.

"I believe that the implementation of such programme will facilitate the achievement of the government's objective of reducing the youth migration to the urban centres," he said.

He said that the development of a state was not only gauged from the rise in revenue and construction of sophisticated infrastructure but it must also be balanced with the provision of elements that could influence the people's prosperity.

"Thus, my government will continue to focus on affordable housing programmes for the various levels of income, health facilities that can be accessed in most locations, minimise dropouts in the educational mainstream as well as infrastructural facilities and utility that can be enjoyed by every

strata of society," he said.

Tuanku Muhriz said that in facing the rising cost of living, his government would continue to strengthen the implementation of the Social Safety Net Policy which focused on families or individuals who could not afford to continue life properly.

Since the policy was introduced up to March 2014, 31,022 recipients had been given monthly aid through the Social Welfare Department, Islamic Religious Council and the Orang Asli Development Department.

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