

## **Najib Used Right Word To Explain Fate Of MH370 - Chinese Ambassador**

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KUALA LUMPUR, April 2 (Bernama) -- The word "ended" in the southern Indian Ocean chosen by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak to describe the fate of the missing Malaysia Airlines (MAS) flight MH370 was the most appropriate, said China's ambassador to Malaysia Dr Huang Huikang.

In a press conference at the China Embassy here today, Huikang defended Najib in his choice of words.

"I understood; Najib carefully chose the word 'ended' instead of 'collapsed', 'crushed' or 'nobody survived' because if he used those words it would have been a big blow to the family members.

"The Chinese families are still hoping that their loved ones are alive," he said.

On March 24, Najib announced that the missing MH370 flight carrying 227 passengers and 12 crew had ended in the southern Indian Ocean, based on satellite data provided by the UK Air Accidents Investigation Branch and Inmarsat.

Huikang stressed, the word 'ended' chosen by Najib provided a significant direction in the search and rescue (SAR) operation because it helped to narrow down the search area.

"Before this we had two search areas, the northern corridor and southern corridor. But with the conclusion made by Najib, we narrowed down the SAR area and concentrated at the southern," he said.

Earlier in the SAR operation, efforts were divided into two corridors, namely the northern corridor from Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan border to the northern part of Thailand, and the southern corridor covering the areas from Indonesia to the southern part of the Indian Ocean.

The ambassador also slammed the foreign media for their controversial and biased reports pertaining to the missing plane, which enraged the Chinese families, leading them to accuse the Malaysian government of irresponsibility.

"We would like to take this opportunity to say, that kind of reports could affect Malaysia-China relationship and as far as everybody knows, Malaysia has done its very best particularly for the families," he said.

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