

## **MH370: Najib Committed to Openness and Transparency**

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KUALA LUMPUR, May 2 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the preliminary report regarding the disappearance of the Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 was released based on the principle of openness and transparency.

As the tension mounted, Najib said he had also appointed an internal team of experts to review all the information obtained on the missing Boeing 777-200ER plane.

"I set, as a guiding principle, the rule as long as the release of information does not hamper the investigation or the search operation, in the interests of openness and transparency," he said in his latest Facebook posting Friday.

The MH370 preliminary report, which among others included an audio recording of conversation between the cockpit and the Kuala Lumpur Air Traffic Control, and the cargo manifest, was released Thursday by the Transport Ministry.

The report also included a map of the flight path, passenger seating plan as well as an additional document that gave further information on actions taken between 1.38am and 6.14am on March 8, the day Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 went missing.

The Prime Minister during an exclusive television interview with CNN's Richard Quest said that Malaysia was prepared to release the preliminary report on MH370 this week.

Flight MH370 with 239 people on board left the KL International Airport at 12.41am on March 8 and disappeared from radar screens about an hour later while flying over the South China Sea. Among the passengers were three Americans.

A multinational search for the Boeing 777-200ER plane in waters off Perth, Australia, involves the use of a US Navy's sonar-equipped autonomous underwater vehicle called Bluefin-21.

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