

Muhyiddin And Wife Visit Families Of MH17 Passengers
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PUTRAJAYA, July 18 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and his wife, Puan Sri Noorainee Abdul Rahman spent time to visit the families of passengers of Malaysia Airlines (MAS) flight MH17 at the Marriot Hotel, here tonight.

He and his wife arrived at about 11pm and spent more than an hour talking and giving words of inspiration to the families of the 24 victims of the flight MH17 who were staying at the hotel.

Also present were Transport Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Wee Ka Siong, and the Director-General of the Civil Aviation Department, Datuk Azharuddin Abdul Rahman.

Earlier, Muhyiddin visited the operations room of MH17 at the KL International Airport (KLIA), Sepang.

Meanwhile, Liow said his ministry would ensure that the bodies of Malaysian victims would be brought back.

"We will endeavour to bring back immediately the bodies of victims of the MH17 tragedy who were nationals of this country," he said after visiting the families of the passengers, here today.

He added that the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development and MAS would assign their officials at the hotel where the families of the victims were staying to assist them in facing the difficult time.

The MAS flight, MH17, was flying from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur when it went down in Ukraine. It was carrying 298 people - 283 passengers and 15 crew.

MH17 had left Amsterdam at 12.15 pm (Netherlands time) Thursday and was to have arrived in Kuala Lumpur at 6.10 am (Malaysian time) Friday.

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