

UN Sec-Gen Calls For Probe Into MH17 Tragedy
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 18 (Bernama) -- United Nations secretary-general Ban Ki-Moon has expressed his condolences over the crash of a Malaysia Airlines (MAS) plane in Ukraine, and called for a full investigation into the tragedy.

"I am closely monitoring the reports, along with the International Civil Aviation Organisation, a United Nations agency," he was quoted by the UN website www.un.org speaking to reporters at the UN headquarters in New York on Thursday.

He said there was a need for a full and transparent international investigation.

"For the moment, I offer my deep condolences to the families and loved ones of the victims and people of Malaysia," he said.

The MAS flight, MH17, was flying from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur when it went down in Ukraine. It was carrying 283 passengers and 15 crew. Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said early today that Ukrainian authorities believe that the Boeing 777 was shot down.

The MH17 tragedy comes just over four months after MAS Flight MH370 vanished shortly after taking off from Kuala Lumpur for Beijing with 239 passengers and crew on board. The plane has yet to be found.

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