

US Ready To Assist Probe Into MH17 Crash
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 18 (Bernama) -- The United States is ready to assist Malaysia in the investigation into the crash of the Malaysia Airlines (MAS) Flight MH17 in Ukraine, said its ambassador to Malaysia Joseph Y. Yun.

Yun, in expressing his his condolences to the families and friends of those on board the ill-fated flight on behalf of the staff of the US Embassy here, said: "The US is a strong partner of Malaysia and stands ready to assist in the investigation of the crash."

Expressing his shock and deep sadness to learn of the news of MH17, he said he could not imagine how difficult it must be for the families who lost their loved ones.

MH17 was flying from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur when it went down in Ukraine. It was carrying 298 people - 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.

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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