

UAE President Conveys Condolences To King On MH17 Tragedy
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 19 (Bernama) -- United Arab Emirates (UAE) President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan has sent a message of condolence to the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah on the Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 tragedy.

He expressed sympathy to the families of the victims of the aircraft which crashed in eastern Ukraine on Thursday, the UAE embassy in Malaysia said in a statement here today.

UAE Vice-President and Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum and Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces General Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, also sent similar messages of condolences to Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

Flight MH17 was flying from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur when it was believed to have been shot down in the Donetsk region in eastern Ukraine near the Russian border.

The aircraft with 298 people - 283 passengers and 15 crew - onboard was due to arrive in Kuala Lumpur at 6.10am (Malaysian time) on Friday.

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