

Final Report On MH17 Tragedy Ready After Mid-2015 - Najib

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DAVOS, Jan 23 (Bernama) -- The final report on the Malaysia Airlines (MAS) Flight MH17 tragedy is expected to be ready after the middle of this year, Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said here.

Najib, who is leading the Malaysian delegation to the 45th World Economic Forum here, said he was informed so by Netherlands Prime Minister Mark Rutte at a bilateral meeting on Thursday.

Najib, who is also finance minister, said the report was being prepared by an independent committee set up to investigate the tragedy.

"He (Rutte) has assured me that he would inform me first of the findings and conclusions before making the report public.

"The Dutch prime minister has reiterated that the MH17 tragedy has brought our two countries closer together," he told Malaysian journalists covering the WEF, Thursday.

Flight MH17 crashed in eastern Ukraine on July 17 as it was flying from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur with 283 passengers and 15 crew on board.

The Boeing 777-200 aircraft is believed to have been shot down over the troubled country, but no one has claimed responsibility for the incident.

A total of 196 Dutch nationals were among the passengers, who also comprised people from Malaysia, Australia, Indonesia, the United Kingdom, Germany, Belgium, the Philippines, Canada and New Zealand.

Najib said that his meeting with Rutte also touched on the Dutch interest in palm oil and timber.

The Malaysian prime minister also held bilateral meetings with the Prime Minister of Turkey, Ahmet Davutoglu, and the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, India, Chandrababu Naidu.

They discussed, among others, measures to step up bilateral ties in all aspects including the technology, economic, trade and military sectors.

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