

Najib Hopes For Indonesian Aerobatic Team's Return At Next LIMA
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LANGKAWI, March 17 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak on Tuesday expressed the hope that an Indonesian aerobatic team that has pulled out of the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace (LIMA) Exhibition due to an accident on Sunday would participate in future editions of the biennial event.

Najib said he was shocked and saddened by the accident but was grateful and thankful that the pilots of the Jupiter Aerobatic Team of the Indonesia Air Force (TNI-AU) were not seriously hurt.

"Thank you for wanting to participate in the aerobatic show of LIMA 2015 and I hope this will not deter you from participating in future LIMA shows," he said in his speech opening LIMA 2015 here.

Najib said the four remaining aerobatic teams, from Singapore, China, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Malaysia, would perform at LIMA'15.

The two Jupiter aircraft clipped each other's wings and crashed in Permandangan Indah, Padang Mat Sirat, and Kampung Gelam, Kedawang, just outside the airport at about 2 pm on Sunday during a rehearsal. The four pilots ejected before the aircraft crashed.

Indonesian Air Force (TNI-AU) First Marshall Indra Yadi confirmed yesterday that the Jupiter Aerobatic Team had withdrawn from LIMA'15 due to the mishap.

All the four pilots, who suffered minor injuries in the mishap, were discharged from hospital yesterday.

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