

MH17: Australia Pushes For Criminal Investigation

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MELBOURNE, April 17 (Bernama) -- Australia will ask Ukraine for a strong criminal investigation to find and punish those responsible for the destruction of the Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 last July, according to The Australian newspaper.

The newspaper reported that Australia's Foreign Minister Julie Bishop, who is attending a global cyber-security conference in The Netherlands, discussed the MH17 tragedy with her Dutch and Ukrainian counterparts.

The report said Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin told Bishop his country was doing everything possible to confirm the cause of the crash and recover the remains of the two Dutch passengers still listed as missing.

The newspaper said Bishop had met Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte.

"He indicated it is still a very emotional issue in The Netherlands," she is quoted as saying.

"With the lead-up to the anniversary (on July 17), the focus will intensify on the technical investigation and the potential prosecution path."

According to the newspaper report, two outstanding issues were the technical report on the crash, which was due in October, and the criminal investigation.

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