

Forensic Police Leave For Kiev To Resume MH17 Investigation

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PUTRAJAYA, April 11 (Bernama) -- A team of seven forensic officers of the Royal Malaysian Police (RMP) left for Kiev, Ukraine early Saturday to resume the search for wreckage and new evidence of the Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 which is believed to have been shot down over the troubled country in July last year.

ACP Hussein Omar Khan who led the team said that they departed from the KL International Airport (KLIA) at 12:30 am.

Hussein said the team, comprising experts in disaster victim identification (DVI) and crime scene investigation (CSI), was expected to re-enter the tragedy site along with the international investigation team on Tuesday.

"We will resume the search for body parts, if any, and also new physical evidence for investigation.

"The team is expected to be in Donetsk for two to three weeks," he told Bernama via SMS today.

Hussein said the team was the same team that was deployed to the tragedy site before.

Last Thursday, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar was reported as saying that the team would be entering the tragedy site together with security forces from the Netherlands and Ukraine to locate the remaining fragments of the aircraft, search for new evidence to help in the investigation, and trace a victim who had not been found.

Flight MH17 crashed in eastern Ukraine on July 17 last year 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.

Besides Malaysians, nationals from the Netherlands, Australia, Indonesia, the United Kingdom, Germany, Belgium, the Philippines, Canada and New Zealand were among the passengers and crew on board.

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