

## **Forensic Police Flying To Kiev In Search Of New MH17 Evidence**

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CYBERJAYA, April 9 (Bernama) -- Seven forensic police officers will leave for Kiev on Saturday to resume the search for wreckage and new evidence of Malaysia Airlines (MAS) Flight MH17 which was shot down over Ukraine in July last year.

Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar said the team would enter the tragedy site in Donetsk, Ukraine on Tuesday (April 14), together with security forces from the Netherlands and Ukraine.

"The focus of the search is to locate the remaining fragments of the aircraft, search for new evidence to assist in investigations and trace a victim who has not been found.

"MH17 is our aircraft and the police are committed in continuing investigations...and we hope that this time, with the cooperation of the Netherlands and other teams, some new findings will emerge," he said.

Speaking to reporters after an official visit to Limkokwing University here, Khalid said the team to be accompanied by another unit, would be at the crash site for a month.

The ill-fated Flight MH17 carrying 283 passengers and 15 crew members was travelling from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur when it was shot down over the war-ravaged eastern Ukraine air space on July 17, last year.

In the meantime, Khalid said the Prevention of Terrorism Bill (POTA) 2015 which was approved recently by the Dewan Rakyat would be a 'tool' in strengthening police efforts to address violence, particularly the threat of the so-called IS militant group which was a growing concern.

He said the number of people in this country involved in militant movements was alarming even though the police had taken action and were constantly monitoring the movements of those who had been and would be involved in the militant group.

The number of Malaysians who have been arrested on suspicion of being involved in militant activities since February 2013 now stands at 93 people, with the latest involving the arrest of a man, believed to have been enroute to Syria, at the Padang Besar train station on Monday.

Earlier, Khalid received three awards won by the police for Best Information Services Website and two Silver Awards of Distinction for Cybercrime for computer software category and government website category presented by Limkokwing University founder and president Tan Sri Lim Kok Wing.

The websites providing information related to commercial crime and developed in

collaboration with Limkokwing University, also provided video clips and posters in implementing commercial crime-prevention strategies.

Commenting on the win, Khalid said the police would continue to work with the university in exploring new ways to combat cyber crime.

He also thanked Lim for awarding 100 scholarships to the police to allow its members to further their studies at the university.

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