

We owe MH17 families closure, says Najib at UN
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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak yesterday reiterated Malaysia's disappointment over the United Nations' failure to adopt the resolution to set up an international tribunal to look into the downing of MH17 because a veto was imposed.

"We will continue to seek justice through other legal options, because we owe it to the families of those who perished in this outrageous crime," he said at the 70th session of the UN General Assembly yesterday.

On July 29, Russia used its veto right to block a five-nation proposal, initiated by Malaysia, to establish an ad hoc criminal international tribunal to try those responsible for the downing of MH17 last year.

The resolution obtained 11 votes of support including from Chad, Chile, France, Jordan, Lithuania, Nigeria, Spain, the United Kingdom, and the United States. China, Venezuela and Angola however abstained from voting.

MH17 crashed in eastern Ukraine on July 17, 2014 as it flew from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur with 283 passengers and 15 crew members on board.

The Boeing 777-200 aircraft was shot down over Donetsk near the Russian border. – Bernama, October 2, 2015.

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