

**Russia Insists On an Objective, Unbiased Investigation on MH17 Tragedy**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 15 (Bernama) -- Russia will continue to insist on an objective, independent and unbiased investigation on the downing of Malaysia Airlines (MAS) Flight MH17 over Ukraine in July 2014.

Chair of the Council of Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, Valentina Ivanovna Matviyenko said Russia has consistently suggested such an investigation after it rejected the Dutch Safety Board's report on the MH17 crash findings, which was released in October last year.

"Immediately after the accident took place, Russia had called upon the need to carry out an international independent investigation into the causes of the horrible accident," she told a press conference after paying a courtesy call on Dewan Negara president Tan Sri Abu Zahar Ujang at Parliament House Tuesday.

She said all those are guilty in the tragedy must be severely punished in accordance with international regulations.

Commenting on the issue, Abu Zahar said Malaysia is striving to ensure that all the perpetrators of the tragic crime be held accountable and brought to the International Court of Justice, no matter who they are.

"Malaysia requested the participation of expertise from international bodies to look into the causes of the incident. The incident not only involved Malaysia but other countries as well, so I believe the international communities want to know what actually happened.

"Especially to the governments involved, please give your utmost effort to ensure and carry on with the investigation. Do not stop. We accept whatever decision is made," he said.

During the visit, Matviyenko also made a courtesy call on Dewan Rakyat Speaker Tan Sri Pandikar Amin Mulia.

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