

Officials confirm door, tail not from MAS plane
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Vietnamese officials have confirmed that parts found in the search for the missing MH370 do not belong to the craft.

According to *Bernama*, Department of Civil Aviation (DCA) director-general Azaharuddin Abdul Rahman reported the findings today.

Earlier hopes were high when Vietnamese search team reported finding what it believed to be parts of the door and tail of the Boeing 777-200 Malaysia Airlines (MAS) plane missing since Saturday morning.

The fragments could be a composite inner door and a part of the tail, the *Wall Street Journal* reported.

MAS was quoted as having not been informed of the findings.

The *Wall Street Journal* cited a posting reportedly on the Vietnamese Ministry of Information and Communication's website, but *Malaysiakini* could not locate it in either the Vietnamese or English version in a search at 9am.

It reported that the fragments were found 80.5km southwest of To Chu island, in the south of Vietnam.

It also said Vietnam could not land a seaplane near the fragments to verify if these are indeed part of the missing jet, as it was too dark.

Malaysian authorities had earlier said there was no information on debris found near two large oil slicks located off the Vietnamese island.

The plane disappeared off the radar screen at 1.30am on March 8, while carrying 239 passengers and crew from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing. It was due to land in Beijing at 6.30am local time that day.

'M'sia didn't check stolen passports list'

In a related development, Interpol issued a strongly-worded statement that chided both Malaysia and MAS for failing to make use of its database on stolen passports.

It said two stolen passports, originally belonging to an Italian and an Austrian and which were used by impostors to board MH370, are listed on its database.

"If MAS and all airlines worldwide were able to check the passport details of prospective passengers against Interpol's database, then we would not have to speculate whether stolen passports were used by terrorists to board MH 370," Interpol Secretary-General Ronald K Noble said.

"We would know that stolen passports were not used by any of the passengers to board that flight.

“For the sake of innocent passengers who go through invasive security measures prior to boarding flights in order to get to their destination safely, I sincerely hope that governments and airlines worldwide will learn from the tragedy of missing flight MH 370 and begin to screen all passengers’ passports prior to allowing them to board flights.”

Interpol said it is now working with the relevant local police to identify the duo who boarded the plane using the two passports stolen in Thailand in 2012 and 2013.

It added only a handful of countries use its database to verify if a passport matches the traveller using it.

The database has 40 million entries of fraudulent and stolen documents and countries which frequently use it include the United States, United Kingdom and the United Arab Emirates.

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