

Malaysia to Send High-level Team to China on Missing Jetliner



Kuala Lumpur, March 19 (Xinhua) -- Malaysia will send a high-level working team to Beijing to deal with issues related to the missing Malaysia Airlines jetliner, acting transport minister said on Wednesday.

"The team will give briefings and updates on the latest situation, and on search and rescue plans," Hishammuddin Hussein, also Malaysia's Defense Minister, told a press conference. He said the team would be comprised of representatives from the Prime Minister's Office, the Foreign Ministry, the Royal Air Force, the Department of Civil Aviation and the Malaysia Airlines.

The team, led by Lieutenant General Dato'Sri Ackbal bin Haji Abdul Samad, air operation commander of the Royal Air Force, would also include a senior Boeing 777 pilot.

The aircraft flying as MH 370 went missing in early hours of March 8th on route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing. There were 239 people on board, including 154 Chinese.

As many as 26 countries have been involved in the search that covers an area as large as Australia.

The minister urged related countries to share "any and all information that could help with the investigation and the search for MH 370."

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