

Press Statement
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It has been 100 days since MH370 went missing. More than 14 weeks have passed since the Malaysian Government first coordinated the search operations for the missing plane. This search effort is unprecedented in sheer scale and complexity involving 26 countries at its peak. Malaysia, a small but proud nation has pioneered the way- not without criticism, showing the world that we can all work together, in the greater spirit of humanity and camaraderie. Indeed, as the search transitions to a more challenging phase, we reaffirm our commitment with renewed vigor to locate the missing MH370.

I sincerely believe Malaysia will be credited for doing the best to our abilities under near-impossible circumstances and history will judge us favourably for that. We are fortunate not to be alone in this and as such I would like to convey my special thanks to our international friends especially our Tripartite partners - Australia and China, ASEAN neighbours, the United States of America and members of the Five Power Defence Arrangement.

Indeed, incidents like this remind us about the fragility of life, and to value the ties that bind us together. In tragedy we forget our differences, and in our common grief we strengthen our bonds. As a father, on Father's Day, I understand the anguish the family members are going through. No words could ease the pain of not knowing what had happened to your loved ones. Nonetheless, I can assure you that we have and will continue to do our utmost in this search, leaving no stone unturned. As always, my deepest sympathies and kindest thoughts remain with the family members- wherever they may be. In these trying times, we are united in our prayers, resolute in our faith, especially as the holy month of Ramadhan beckons, as we continue to hope against hope in seeking a closure to the darkest chapter in recent global aviation history.

On that note, I would like to convey my sincerest appreciation to the men and women who have risked their lives at the forefront in contributing to the largest search effort to date. On behalf of the Malaysian people, we thank you for your sacrifices and we will continue to pray for your safety in navigating the uncharted waters.

100 days after MH370 went missing, its loss remains a painful void in the hearts of all Malaysians and those around the world. We cannot and will not rest until MH370 is found. We cannot and will not abandon the families of the crew and passengers of MH370. We will, with the grace of God, find this missing plane and so with it begins the process of healing.