

France spots 122 potential objects

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PETALING JAYA — The following are among the highlights of events on the 19th day of the search for MH370:

12.30pm: West Australian Premier Colin Barnett says several hundred family members of the passengers and crew of MH370 are expected to travel to Perth in the coming weeks. The majority of the passengers are from China. The Chinese government and WA's Department of Premier and Cabinet are involved in the process to receive the families. A memorial service will be held if the relatives wish for it.

Twelve aircraft are involved

in the search. The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) say seven of the aircraft are military planes and the other five civil aircraft. The military aircraft are an Ilyushin IL-76 from China, a Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) P3 Orion aircraft, two Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) P3 Orion, a US Navy P8 Poseidon, a Japanese P3 Orion and a Republic of Korea P3 Orion. AMSA also says 34 State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers from Western Australia will be air observers on board the five civil aircraft.

1.00pm: A Japan Coast Guard aircraft carrying a 10-member Japan Disaster Relief (JDR) team takes off from the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in Subang to join in the search. The Japan

Coast Guard Gulfstream V aircraft, carrying the second batch of JDR team members departs at about 10am and is expected to land at the Pearce Airbase in Perth, Australia, at about 4pm (Malaysian time). The aircraft is customised for the SAR operations and carries the first batch of 12 members of the JDR team.

1.30pm: The Sultan of Pahang, Sultan Ahmad Shah, orders the Pahang and Malaysian flags to be flown at half-mast in the state for three days as a mark of respect. The order is directed at all government departments and agencies and private sector firms.

3.30pm: Indonesian Foreign Minister Marty Natalegawa says Indonesia will send a special envoy

to Malaysia to hold an intensive dialogue with the Malaysian authorities on the investigation. He says they need to get clear and complete information from Malaysia.

4.50pm: China's Deputy Foreign Minister Zhang Yesui pays a courtesy call to acting Transport Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC). Zhang, who is a special envoy of the Chinese government, arrives at about 2pm and attends a four-eyed meeting with Hishammuddin. Chinese ambassador to Malaysia Dr Huang Huikang and several Chinese officials accompany Zhang.

5.30pm: Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein says "our determina-

tion to find MH370 remains steadfast. We will never give up trying to find the plane".

He says **Malaysian Remote Sensing Agency** has received satellite images from France identifying 122 potential objects spotted through cloud cover in the southern Indian Ocean. Some of the objects are 1m in length, others as long as 23m. Some are bright, possibly indicating solid material. The objects are located 2,557km from Perth, not far from the objects spotted by Australia and China.

A working group is trying to refine the Inmarsat data used in the investigation and to pinpoint the final location of MH370.

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) says three objects have been spotted in the Indian Ocean.