

It's confirmed

MH17 downed by BUK missile from Ukraine

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Air crash investigators concluded yesterday that Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 was shot down by a Russian-made BUK missile fired from war-torn eastern Ukraine last year killing all 298 people on board.

Even though the Dutch-led inquiry did not say who pulled the trigger, Russian officials were already disputing the findings set to further degrade strained ties between Moscow and the West.

"Flight MH17 crashed as a result of the detonation of a warhead outside the airplane against the left-hand side of the cockpit," the chairman of the Dutch Safety Board, Tjibbe Joustra, told a press conference.

"This warhead fits the kind of missile that is installed in the BUK surface-to-air missile



Dutch Safety Board Chairman Tjibbe Joustra speaks in front of the wrecked cockpit of the Malaysia Airlines flight MH17

system." The much-anticipated report also said it was possible that some on board the Boeing 777 en route from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur may have been conscious during the 90 seconds it took to crash on July

17 last year. Malaysia vowed it would seek the prosecution of the "trigger happy criminals" who downed the flight, the second aviation tragedy for the country after the mysterious disappearance of

flight MH370 in March 2014. "The wreckage was spread over several sites" near the villages of Grabove, Rozsypne and Ptopavlivka, most of which were in rebel territory, the

area in eastern Ukraine from which the missile must have been fired to cause the amount of damage.

But it did not specify whether it came from an area under

Trained Russian servicemen shot down airliner: Ukraine

Kiev

Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk yesterday said servicemen working under Russia's security services shot down the MH17 airliner over rebel territory in eastern Ukraine last year.

"I personally have no doubt that this was a planned operation of the Russian special services aimed at downing a civilian aircraft," Yatsenyuk told a televised cabinet meeting.

The missile systems could only have been operated by "trained Russian servicemen," he added.

Dutch report said. The inquiry has marked out a 320 square kilometre (120 square mile)

the control of pro-Russian separatists battling Ukrainian forces.

Playboy throws in towel, ends nude photos

Washington

Playboy said yesterday it would stop publishing nude photos in its iconic magazine for men, throwing in the towel in the face of rampant online pornography.

Playboy said the publication will see "a top-to-bottom redesign" that will be unveiled with its March 2016 edition.

"The reimagined Playboy magazine will include a completely modern editorial and design approach, and, for the first time in its history, will no longer feature nudity in its pages," said the statement from Playboy Enterprises.

With pornographic images now so readily available online, and accessible via a variety of connected devices, Playboy is selling fewer copies.

Playboy Enterprises chief executive Scott Flanders told *The New York Times*: "You're now one click away from every sex act imaginable for free. And so (nudity) is just passe at this juncture."

Britain withdraws bid for Saudi Arabia penal system contract

London

Britain yesterday abandoned a bid to provide training to Saudi Arabia's penal system and raised the case of a 74-year-old Briton facing a flogging, following an outcry over human rights in the kingdom.

"The government has decided that it won't be proceeding with the bid," Prime Minister David Cameron's spokeswoman said. The potential contract was worth £5.9 million (\$9m, 7.9m euro).

Downing Street insisted the

decision was separate from the case of the reportedly frail grandfather Karl Andree.

The Saudis have been informed, the spokeswoman said.

The spokeswoman said the move was linked to the winding up of Just Solutions International, a commercial offshoot of the Ministry of Justice.

The decision "reflects what is the best way to prioritise what we want to do at the Ministry of Justice, the domestic reforms we want to carry out," she said.

Clemency plea for Briton, 74, facing Saudi flogging

London

The family of a 74-year-old British man sentenced to 350 lashes in Saudi Arabia after being caught with home-made wine pleaded for clemency and government intervention yesterday.

Karl Andree has served a year in jail but has been told he could face a public flogging.



Karl Andree

His family say they fear the punishment could kill him and have urged the British government to intervene.

Foreign hostages in PH appear in video

Manila

Three foreign men and a Filipina kidnapped last month in the southern Philippines have appeared in a video posted online, making demands for the Islamic militants who abducted them.

Gunmen raided a luxury marina near the major southern city of Davao on September 21, abducting the Norwegian owner of the resort, two Canadian tourists and one of their girlfriends.

No group immediately claimed responsibility, but the video uploaded on YouTube on

Monday appeared to confirm it was the Abu Sayyaf, which has a long history of kidnappings-for-ransom in the southern Philippines. In the video, the three foreigners appealed for Philippine authorities to halt military assaults against the gunmen.

The hostages were sitting on the ground, surrounded by at least eight men holding high-powered machine guns.

After the three foreigners spoke, one of the gunmen, spoke in English, repeating his demand for military operations to stop against "us".

Man survives on ants for 6 days in remote Australia

Perth

Aman missing for six days in a remote Australian desert in searing heat without water was found yesterday after surviving by eating black ants, police said.

Reg Foggerdy, 62, disappeared on October 7 heading to the Shooter's Shack camp near Laverton in the West Australian Goldfields, some 950 kilometres (600 miles) northeast of Perth, on a hunting trip.

When he failed to return, family members raised the

alarm and a search by police trackers finally found him 15 kilometres from where he went missing.

Goldfields Police superintendent Andy Greatwood said Foggerdy had been sitting under the same tree for the last two days, with no water during his ordeal.

"He was eating black ants, that's how he survived. So, fantastic survival skills by him, and fantastic skills by our trackers who found him in an extremely remote location,"



Reg Foggerdy (C), 62, being comforted by police trackers after his discovery

Foggerdy had been sitting under the same tree for the last two days

he told *the West Australian newspaper*. "He was extremely dehydrated, a bit delusional, but we've administered first aid and rehydrated him and it's pleasing to say he is now sitting up and talking. "It

was extremely hot, extremely remote, and most people probably wouldn't have survived."

His relieved wife Arlyn said she cried when she heard the news, delighted he managed to stay alive. "How you can survive without water and food is a miracle," she told ABC radio.

Foggerdy's sister Christine Ogden said her brother was an experienced bushman and said she would make sure he was better equipped in the future.