

Ukraine provided Dutch Safety Board with radar data regarding MH17 Crash

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On February 3rd several Dutch media published information that Dutch Safety Board has never requested Ukraine to provide available information about MH17 flight received from radars. These publications refer to the respective statement of ex-first deputy Minister of infrastructure of Ukraine Volodymyr Shulmeister.

This information contradicts the reality. During the meeting with the journalists Volodymyr Shulmeister stated that when he joined the commission for investigation this questions had not been on the agenda. Therefore he was not aware of all the information about this issue.

As a matter of fact, Ukrainian side had provided international investigators with radar data as well as other information on July 23rd, 2014, i.e. long before Mr. Shulmeister joined the commission for investigation. This information is also included in the official report on the investigation into the crash of MH17, which was published in October 2015.

However, due to the increased interest of the society of Netherlands to certain aspects of the investigation, the Ukrainian side remains open to cooperation with Dutch colleagues within the established procedures.

Also, editorial materials misreported information about Mr.Shulmeister's work credentials. It was stated that at the time of the MH17 Crash he worked as first deputy Minister of infrastructure of Ukraine. But Mr. Shulmeister was appointed to this position in late December 2014. He became a member of the commission for investigation in late January 2015.

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