



The Netherlands, 02-09-2021

Dear Sir/ Madam, dear citizen of Kursk,

I am writing to you from the Netherlands with regard to the investigation into the downing of the Malaysia Airlines Boeing, flight MH17. This passenger-airliner was downed on July 17, 2014 above eastern Ukraine. All 298 persons on board of the airliner – men, women and children, found their death in that crash.

Our countries share a long-standing military history. Already back in 1697 your tsar Peter the Great visited the Netherlands to acquire the knowledge from our navy-shipbuilding. In the past century we were united in our fight against fascism. In this spirit I address you, citizen of Kursk, with a request to provide assistance in our investigation.

The investigation conducted by the Joint Investigation Team (JIT) shows that flight MH17 was downed by a missile launched from a Buk-TELAR missile system that belonged to the 53rd Anti-Aircraft Missile Brigade stationed in Kursk. Perhaps you feel that this fact casts a shadow over the reputation of your city or your army. We are aware of that. But the truth has to be told, even if the truth is inconvenient. You surely realise that we continue our investigation into the crew members and the decision-making as to the deployment of the weapon. Our investigation is already at a very advanced stage, but it is not yet complete. We would like to hear from everybody, also from the Russian soldiers, about what really has happened.

We assume that the crew crossed the border with Ukraine not on its own initiative. Perhaps those persons and their commanders had different perceptions of the situation, and it is just as well possible that there was not enough information.

Do you have any additional information? Was the missile launch caused by a fatal error, defective material or was this passenger-airliner downed intentionally? Who is really responsible? Should the one responsible be sought among the crew members of the Buk-TELAR missile system or rather among other persons higher up in the hierarchy?

The JIT would like to have this investigation completed so that the families, relatives and friends of the victims finally find peace in the knowledge about what really happened. I call on you to come up with the answers.

We would like to know who within the 53rd Anti-Aircraft Missile Brigade took the decision to send a Buk-TELAR missile system to Ukraine, who was/were part of the crew of the Buk-TELAR, and based on what information it was decided to launch that Buk-missile.

The families, friends and other relatives of the victims deserve the answers. You deserve the answers. The answers are to be found in de city of Kursk.

Your information could help us to tell the whole story. The mothers, fathers, sons and daughters of the 298 innocent victims deserve this, so that they, after seven years of uncertainty, would finally be able to close this sad chapter in their family histories.

Sincerely,

Head of the investigation of the Dutch police

If you have information (f.e. pictures, videos, relevant email messages or military orders related to the Boeing MH17), please contact the JIT via:

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