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MAS Corrects To 298 Number Of People

MH17 Crash

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USPA NEWS - The airline listed the number of passengers and crew, according to nationality, as Netherlands, 154; Malaysia, 43 (including 15 crew and two infants); Australia, 27; Indonesia 12 (including one infant); United Kingdom, nine; Germany, four; Belgium, four; Philippines, three; Canada, one.

Around 50 passengers remained unidentified.There were 298 people, including 154 Dutch nationals, on board the Malaysia Airlines flight that crashed in strife-torn eastern Ukraine on Thursday, an official from the carrier said. “There were 283 passengers and 15 crew members on board the plane,“ Malaysian Airlines vice-president Huib Gorter told AFP at a press conference at Amsterdam´s Schiphol airport from where the doomed flight had taken off. “There were 283 passengers and 15 crew members on board the plane,“ Malaysian Airlines vice-president Huib Gorter told AFP at a press conference at Amsterdam´s Schiphol airport from where the doomed flight had taken off.

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Malaysia Airlines will send a team to Ukraine on Friday to help with the investigation.A airplane will also be made available to grieving relatives wanting to visit the crash site, Gorter said. Questioned about the cause of the plane crash, Gorter said: “At this stage we are still looking at it from the viewpoint of being an accident. Earlier, shocked and crying relatives were shielded from the press as they arrived at Schiphol to be taken to a special gathering area. They were later escorted from the airport and taken by bus to an undetermined destination, Dutch news agency ANP reported. The country´s largest disaster happened in March 1977 when 238 Dutch citizens died in Tenerife when two Boeing 747s crashed with the loss of 582 lives.

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