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# Family hangs on to hope, misses Rain's jokes

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**SUBANG JAYA** — A month after MH370 disappeared on March 8, some family members have yet to grasp the reality while others are faring better.

Mohamed Hasnan Kamaruddin, 65, whose son, Mohd Hazrin, 34, is a member of the cabin crew, said yesterday: "Our hope may have thinned but we still hold strong that he is somewhere out there, alive."

The retired Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) administration staff said although the family had been able to go back to day-to-day life, they still held on to the hope and believed Mohd Hazrin was safe.

"It has been a month and although we are stronger now, we still believe Hazrin had landed some place safe," he said.

Mohamed Hasnan said his family had not needed to be referred for counselling as they remained strong together.

Mohd Hazrin, also known as Rain among family and friends, was the only son and the third child of seven siblings.

"Being the only son, we were very close," Mohamed Hasnan said.

"In fact, the whole family is very close to him and it is indeed a great loss for us."

Mohamed Hasnan last saw his son on February 26 before Mohd Hazrin flew to London, and had since only been in touch through phone calls and text messages.

He said he was not aware his son was on duty on the ill-fateful day as Mohd Hazrin had just come home from a holiday in Port Dickson with his pregnant wife and four-year-old daughter the day before.

"Usually, if my son went on a family vacation, he wouldn't be working the following day. But this time it was different," he said.

"The transportation would never fail to pick him up at home but this time, my daughter-in-law had to drive him to the airport instead.

"I guess it was a sign for them to spend more time together before he left.

"I miss his jokes. He would usually swing

by every week, we would have dinner together and he'd never fail to crack a joke."

Mohamed Hasnan said it broke his heart to see his eldest granddaughter, Iman, asking where her father was.

"Hazrin was the first in the family to get married and he is very close to his daughter," he said.

"We can't even show her his pictures without her asking where her father is."

Mohamed Hasnan looks after Iman when she comes home from a nearby daycare centre.

He admitted there was some annoyance over how MAS had handled the distribution of information in the beginning.

"Imagine, my daughter-in-law only found out the plane was missing from a friend.

"MAS officers only came by our house at 11.30am, which was hours after the incident took place," he said.

Mohamed Hasnan said although there had been a lot of speculation, the family did believe some of it may be true.

"But until some wreckage or solid evidence have been found and verified, I believe MH370 had landed somewhere safely," he said.

Mohd Hazrin's elder sister, Nur Zarina, 36, broke down in tears when recalling memories of her only brother.

"He is loved by everyone and easily approachable. I miss hearing his jokes and just having him around," she said.

The Facebook page "Friends of Captain Zaharie MH370" set up by Dr Mohd Ghouse Mohd Noor to post only verified reports has gained more than 28,375 followers.

Dr Mohd Ghouse said he created the page after the media had published too many "false theories without proof", with some even pinning responsibility on the pilot.

"Actually, I didn't even know Zaharie although I studied at the same school in Penang and we had casually met a few times through his neighbour," he said.

"It was only after I set up the page that

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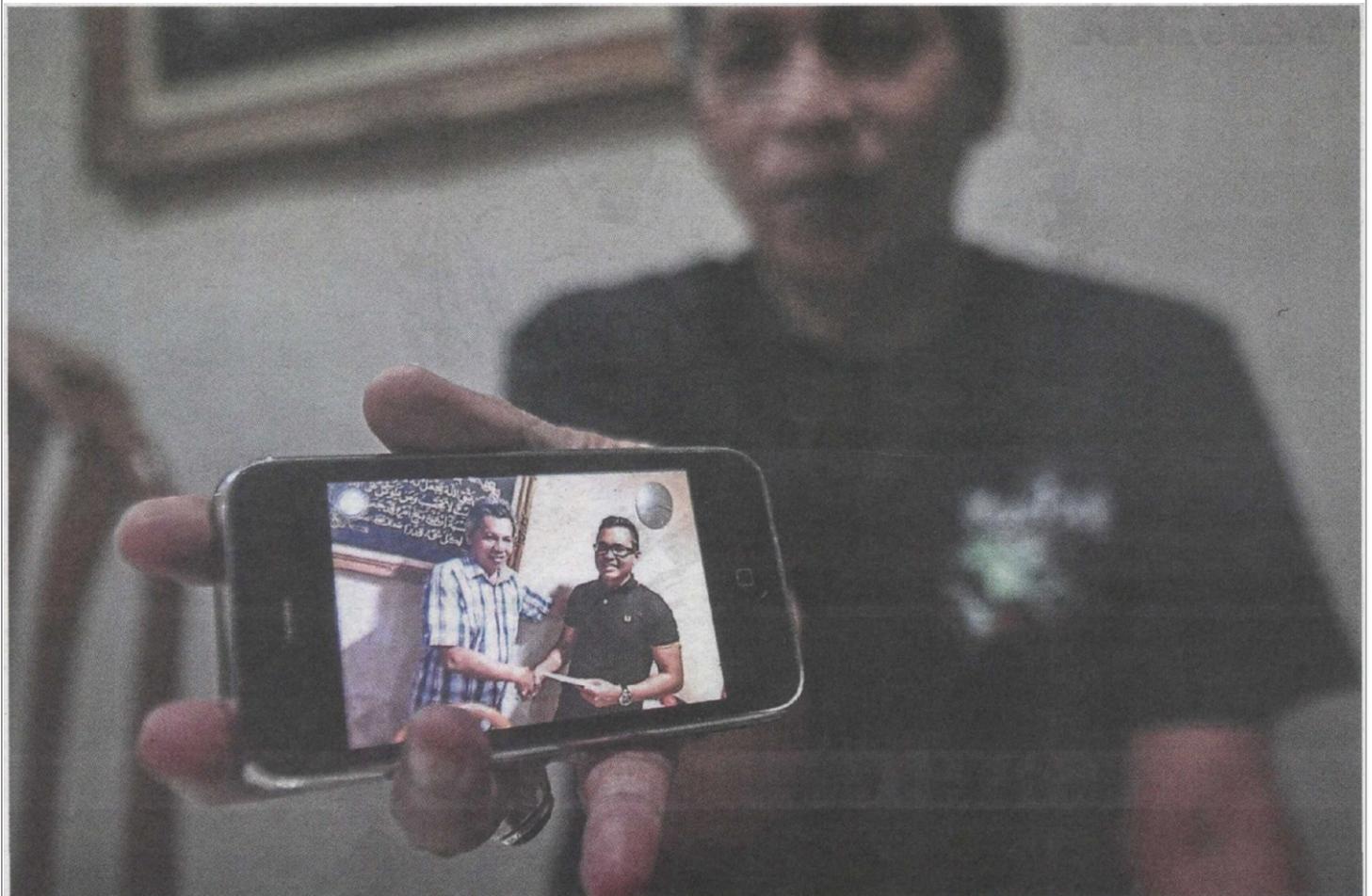
“His own family members and close friends have been posting relevant reports on the page, and the public have been very encouraging, sending their love, prayers and support to those who know and love him.”

Dr Mohd Ghouse said he is in contact with Zaharie’s family and they are keeping

positive for a safe return home.

The daughter of chief steward Andrew Nari continues to send out positive messages via her Twitter account.

Yesterday, Maira Elizabeth Nari posted: “Hello! I’m smiling? If I can smile, I bet you can too!”, attached with a selfie and a smiley emoticon.



Mohamed Hasnan shows a picture of him and Mohd Hazrin. — Picture by Firdaus Latif