

Rescue mission beefed up, 206 now involved

SEREMBAN: Police have beefed up the search-and-rescue (SAR) operation to locate Nora Anne Quoirin, the Irish teenager who went missing from a resort in Pantai near here.

Nilai police chief Superintendent Mohd Nor Marzukee Besar said 206 officers and staff, and six dogs from the K9 Unit were involved in the operation yesterday.

He said the SAR operation, which entered its fourth day, be-

gan as early as 7am.

"The operation involves the police and the Fire and Rescue Department's Special Tactical Operation and Rescue Team of Malaysia.

"Also joining the search efforts are the Malaysia Civil Defence Force, the Malaysian Volunteer Corps Department and the General Operations Force," he said yesterday.

Mohd Nor said as at 11am, the operation was ongoing.



The Fire and Rescue Department's K9 Unit being deployed in Pantai, Negri Sembilan, yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

Family member scolds photographer

SEREMBAN: Family members of Irish teenager Nora Anne Quoirin, 15, who has been missing since Sunday, were furious when members of the media approached them for an interview yesterday.

A man, believed to be the missing teenager's father, scolded a photographer who tried to take their pictures.

"Don't (take pictures). What if this happened to your family?" he said.

Earlier, the man and five other individuals, believed to be Quoirin's family members and a local woman, were seen walking out of the resort area towards Gunung Berembun before they bumped into members of the media, who had been waiting out-

side the resort as early as 8am.

However, it was not known whether the family was brought to Gunung Berembun as speculated.

Quoirin, who is reported to have learning disabilities, went missing a day after she arrived at The Dusun resort with her family members for a two-week holiday.

Authorities have been con-

ducting the search-and-rescue (SAR) operation in the area, which entered its fourth day yesterday.

More than 20 local and international media personnel gathered at the resort's entrance yesterday morning to get updates on the SAR operations.

Several police vehicles, including the K9 Unit and the Fire

and Rescue Department, were seen entering the area.

However, the media was not allowed to enter and could only wait at the resort entrance.

On Tuesday, Deputy Inspector-General of Police Datuk Seri Mazlan Mansor said police would conduct daily press conferences to provide updates on the operation.