

MISSING TEEN

FOOTPRINTS BELIEVED TO BE THAT OF NORA'S FOUND

Officials believe teen is within 6km of resort

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SEVERAL footprints believed to belong to Nora Anne Quoirin, 15, were picked up by the K9 Unit of the Fire and Rescue Department, during a search-and-rescue (SAR) operation yesterday

find the missing Irish teenager.

State Fire and Rescue Department operation division assistant director Ahmad Mukhlis Mokhtar, said they were traced around the search area, but no further clues had been found.

However, he said, the department was optimistic Nora was within the radius of the forest and it hoped she would be



Nilai district police chief Superintendent Mohd Nor Marzuki Besar (second from left) briefing the search-and-rescue team in Seremban yesterday. PIC BY IQMAL HAQIM ROSMAN

found soon.

"The search for Nora entered its fifth day today (yesterday).

"We are assisting the police in the search by deploying our K9 Unit, as well as 55 personnel, which include 30 from Kuala Lumpur, Selangor and Putrajaya.

"The search area remains within 6km of the resort, and our focus is on the forest.

"Each agency involved is divid-

ed into six groups.

"Previously, our detective canines had spotted footprints, but when we conducted a search there, we couldn't find her," he said.

Mukhlis said the operation would also focus on the jungle's hilly areas as it was possible that Nora could be hiding behind trees or rocks.

He added that the number of personnel involved was suffi-

cient, and additional manpower would be requested if necessary.

Nora, a special needs teen, was found missing by her family about 8am on Sunday.

A SAR team was formed to find her.

A total of 252 officers and members from various agencies are involved in the operation, besides helicopters supplied by the Royal Malaysia Police Air Wing Unit and drones.

Mother's voice used on loudspeaker in search operation

SEREMBAN: "Nora darling, I love you. Mum is here."

That was the heart-breaking plea made by Meabh Jaseprine Quoirin, the mother of Irish teenager Nora Anne Quoirin, 15, who has been missing from a resort here since Sunday.

The recording of her voice was used during the search-and-rescue (SAR) operation, as part of the team's effort to find Nora, who has learning disabilities.

State police chief Datuk Mohamad Mat Yusop said the recording was blasted on loudspeakers to lure Nora out of the jungle, where she is believed to have strayed from The Dusun resort.

"We recorded the mother's voice this (yesterday) morning and played it during the search-and-rescue (SAR) operation."

"It is part of our efforts to find Nora because we believe she is

within a 6km-radius of the search parameters," he said at the Pantai police station.

He said her parents, however, were not encouraged to join the SAR operation for safety reasons.

In addition, he said, the team had distributed Nora's pictures at roadblocks, as well as uploaded them to Nur Alert.

He said the police's air unit assisted in the operation by deploying an Airbus Helicopters AS355N helicopter equipped with a Wescam infrared camera that could detect objects or humans from the air.

"The operation is not only conducted in normal tracks, but also in difficult jungle areas.

"The use of drones is ongoing, but we still can't detect Nora," he said.

Asked if the operation was assisted by Interpol, Mohamad said the cooperation had begun from



The chalet where Nora Anne Quoirin was discovered missing. PIC COURTESY OF ROYAL MALAYSIA POLICE

the very first day of the operation.

A total of 252 people are involved in the SAR operation.

On whether the team had received offers from foreign agencies to help with the SAR operation, he said it was not necessary at the moment.

Asked to comment on claims that police were not allowed to talk to Nora's two siblings, Mohamad denied the allegation.

"We have recorded statements from all her family members which include Nora's siblings, aged 8 and 12."



Datuk Mohamad Mat Yusop



Nora Anne Quoirin slept in this bedroom.