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VAT 69 JOINS SEARCH FOR TEEN

SAR team focusing on location where Nora went missing, says Negri deputy police chief

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POLICE have roped in the elite VAT 69 commando team in the search-and-rescue (SAR) efforts to locate missing Irish teen Nora Anne Quoirin, 15.

Negri Sembilan deputy police chief Senior Assistant Commissioner Che Zakaria Othman said the addition of two officers and 21 members of the elite force was to ensure more experts were involved in the search for Nora.

"We will use all human resources available (police) and since the Vat 69 commando is our elite force, we have decided to rope them in for the SAR operations," he said at a press conference to share the latest developments in relation to the search of the teen, which entered the sixth day yesterday.

The 69 Commando, also known as Very Able Troopers 69 (VAT 69), is an elite multitasking special forces unit of the Royal Malaysia Police.

Zakaria dismissed claims that Nora's footprints were found.

He said there were no leads on the case and that the SAR team was focusing on finding the location where Nora had gone missing.

"We have covered a radius of almost 6km. Almost all the lo-



Negri Sembilan deputy police chief Senior Assistant Commissioner Che Zakaria Othman (right) speaking at a press conference at the Pantai police station in Seremban yesterday. With him is Nilai district police chief Superintendent Mohd Nor Marzukee Besar. PIC BY IQMAL HAQIM ROSMAN

cations have been checked.

"We hope to get information that can help us determine the place where she went missing."

He said Nora's family was cooperating with the authorities.

"A senior officer is with them."

He said the Immigration Department said Nora had not left the country.

He said the family arrived in Malaysia on Saturday separately — the father arrived at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport from London with the children, while the mother arrived from Singapore at an interval of 15 to 30 minutes.

Zakaria said the SAR operations would continue to use a drone equipped with a surveillance thermal imaging camera.



Members of the search-and-rescue team looking at a map of the search area in Seremban yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

SEARCH AND RESCUE

Search and rescue operations' total strength: 260 personnel and two K9 unit dogs.

Police: 116 personnel and two K9 unit dogs

The Fire and Rescue Department: 49 personnel

Civil Defence Force: 29 personnel

People's Volunteer Corps: 10 personnel

General Operations Force: 47 personnel

Civilians: 10 people



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