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Chronology of Nora Anne Quoirin's disappearance

August 3

> Nora Anne and her family arrive from London for a two-week holiday at a resort in Seremban.

August 4

> At 8am, her family find her missing from her room.
> Police launch search-and-rescue (SAR) operation involving the Fire and Rescue Department and police personnel from the K9 Tracker Dog Unit.
> Relatives take to social media to help locate Nora Anne.

August 5

> Helicopter used for aerial search around Gunung Berembun and along Sungai Berembun.
> More personnel and assets are deployed in the search effort that expands to a 25-acre area.
> Police claim no sign of foul play or kidnapping. Nora Anne is

believed to have climbed out of a window in her room. The case is classified under missing persons.

August 6

> Over 160 personnel, from police, Fire and Rescue Department, Civil Defence, Rela, and the Forestry Department comb through dense jungle and hills for Nora Anne.
> Local Orang Asli are also roped in.
> Home Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin calls on the public to stop speculating over the disappearance.

August 7

> Search is expanded to include surrounding hills and creeks that are outside the 1.6ha surrounding area of the resort.
> 214 personnel and six sniffer dogs are involved in the search

with more being added.
> Police question 20 people. Fingerprints are also lifted from the open window.
> Nora's family thank authorities involved in SAR operation.

August 8

> Drones are used in the search effort.
> SAR team uses megaphone-amplified voice recordings of Nora Anne's close family members to lure her out of the thick forest.
> Police conduct roadblocks and pass out photographs of Nora Anne.
> Nora Anne listed in National Urgent Response Alert (Nur Alert) system.
> Police involve Interpol in the case.

August 9

> Nora Anne's family express their

gratitude to SAR team again via Lucie Blackman Trust, a British charity supporting its nationals during a crisis overseas.
> Popular Irish band, Westlife, call on fans to help look for Nora Anne.

August 10

> No credible clues lead SAR team to narrow down search area to 4km radius from her last known location for a more focused search.
> 317 personnel are deployed as the search effort goes on through the night.

August 11

> Search continues full swing despite the Hari Raya Aidiladha holiday.
> A group of 12 experienced hikers volunteer to join the search.

August 12

> A reward of RM50,000 is offered for information leading to the return of the missing girl.
> Police from England, France and Ireland are said to be part of the investigation into Nora Anne's disappearance.
> Search is focused on Gunung Berembun over a 6km radius.

August 13

> At 1pm, SAR team gets a call about human remains near a waterfall near Gunung Berembun.
> Body found about 2.5km from resort.
> Deputy Inspector-General of Police Datuk Mazlan Mansor confirms body is that of a Caucasian female and resembles Nora Anne.
> Her family positively identifies the body as Nora Anne's.

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Remains of Nora Anne found

Volunteers in SAR team discover body near stream in deep ravine

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SEREMBAN: The remains of missing Irish teenager Nora Anne Quoirin have been found in a stream at Pantai Hills some 2.5km from the resort where she and her family were staying.

The family has positively identified the body as Nora Anne's and the post-mortem will be done today, said state police chief Datuk Mohamad Mat Yusop at the Tuanku Ja'afar Hospital yesterday night.

Earlier at another press conference, Deputy Inspector-General of Police Datuk Mazlan Mansor said a group of trekkers found Nora Anne's naked body near a stream some 2.5km from the resort she was staying in at 1.57pm.

"It was found in a ravine which may be some 1.2km deep," he said.

The group was part of the search and rescue (SAR) team looking for Nora Anne since she disappeared from the resort where she was holidaying with her family on Aug 4.

He said due to the depth, the body had to be winched out by a helicopter.

"We have sent the remains to the Tuanku Ja'afar Hospital for post-mortem," he said.

Asked if there were any visible injuries on the body, Mazlan said this cannot be established as yet.

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Deputy IGP Datuk Mazlan Mansor

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To another question, he said it was too early to tell how many days the deceased had been dead or the cause of death.

Asked if there was anything suspicious or leads the police obtained at the scene, Mazlan said there were none.

To another question, Mazlan said the (SAR) teams had already combed the area where the body was found, and that the team was immediately dispatched to the site after it received a call from a member of the public.



Cherished moments: A file photo of Nora Anne with her mother Meabh. — AFP

The Lucie Blackman Trust, which is representing the family, said while it cannot confirm it was Nora Anne, it “sadly seemed likely”.

“All at the Lucie Blackman Trust are thinking of the family and continue to support them as they come to terms with this news,” it said a

statement yesterday afternoon.

Nora Anne, 15, had checked into the property for a two-week-stay with her parents, Sebastian Marie Philippe and Meabh Jaseprine Quoirin, and siblings Innes Julia and Maurice Arthure, on Aug 3.

However, she was not found in

the room she shared with her siblings the following morning.

A window in the room, which could only be opened from the inside, was open.

The girl, who is of French-Irish parentage, has learning difficulties.

Apart from the police, those involved in the operations were personnel from the Fire and Rescue Services Department, Civil Defence, Rela, Orang Asli from the police's Senoi Praaq unit, the local Orang Asli, and villagers.

On Monday, the family offered a reward of RM50,000 for information leading to Nora Anne's return.

Her parents described Nora Anne, who was born with holoprosencephaly, as a very special child.

“Nora is a very special person. She is fun, funny, and extremely loving. With her family, she is very affectionate – family is her whole world and she loves to play games, like Cat Bingo, with us.”

“She likes to tell us silly jokes and wear clever, colourful T-shirts. She is not like other teenagers. She is not independent and does not go anywhere alone,” said the family in an Aug 9 statement from the Lucie Blackman Trust.

Watch the video
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