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Orang Asli teen and toddler flown to hospital

GUA MUSANG: An Orang Asli teenager and a toddler having high fever and blood in their sputum were taken on a mercy flight by the Air Unit of the Fire and Rescue Department (JBPM) to the district hospital here for treatment.

The 18-year-old girl, Sedai Seman, and one-year-old Sam Diana Penjon from Kampung Cacuh, Pos Belatim, were flown in an Agusta AW139 helicopter which left the Subang Air Base at 1.25pm yesterday.

JBPM Air Unit's public relations officer Asst Supt Mohd Farhan Marzuki said the flight was made after receiving a report at 10am from the Orang Asli Development Department in Gombak, Selangor.

He said the two could not be sent by land to the hospital due to the badly damaged dirt road following continuous rain in the isolated village in the sprawling Gua Musang district.

He added that the helicopter, with its six-member crew led by the pilot, Supt Muhamad Muizz

Md Pizar, landed in Kampung Cacuh at 2.46pm to retrieve the two patients before flying them to the Gua Musang Fire Station at 3.11pm.

The two patients were then sent to the hospital in an ambulance, with both reported to be in stable condition.

Meanwhile, Sam Diana's father, Enjon Jaden, 20, said his daughter had been having high fever since three days ago, and her condition became increasingly critical after she started coughing up blood while

shivering throughout the day.

He said the distance between their village and the hospital made it difficult for him to seek medical treatment for his daughter, hence his appeal for a mercy flight from JBPM.

"I was worried about the condition of my only child if we reached the hospital late," he said.

Enjon also appealed to the government to repair the badly damaged road to avoid any hindrance to vehicles taking patients to hospital.
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