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# Teen killed in red zone area

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**GUN BATTLE:** Two policemen wounded in shoot-out with terrorists

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**T**WO General Operations Force personnel were wounded while a teenager was killed in Day 6 of *Ops Daulat* in the red zone area of Felda Sahabat yesterday.

The GOF personnel, both aged 25, were wounded in a shoot-out with terrorists in Sungai Bilis, near Kampung Tanduo and Tanjung Batu, during sporadic gun battles which lasted eight hours.

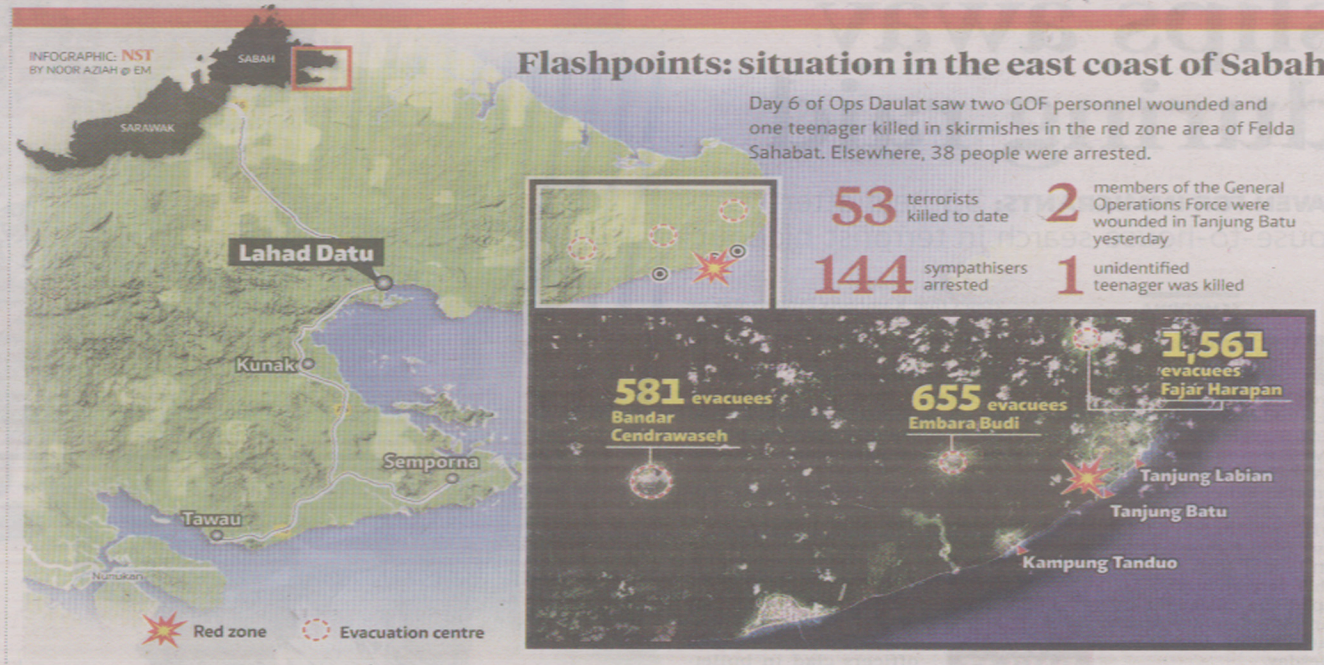
Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Ismail Omar said the two GOF personnel were pulled out of the area at 8am and flown to the Duchess of Kent Hospital in Sandakan, accompanied by an armed forces medical officer. Their conditions are listed as stable.

Later, a teenager was killed in the red zone area when security forces reacted to movements in the bushes and opened fire while they were frisking a group who were nabbed in the area.

A man in his 30s, who was with the teenager, was also hit in the incident. He, however, was only wounded and was sent to the same hospital in Sandakan.

The incident occurred about 10am when security forces were pursuing terrorists near Kampung Tanduo and Tanjung Batu.

Armed Forces chief Gen Tan Sri



Zulkifeli Mohd Zin said they deployed an armoured vehicle to bring out the five people who were caught by the security forces, the wounded man and the dead teenager.

Investigations are being held to determine the identities of all those involved, adding that it was not clear what the group was doing

in the red zone area.

"We have advised the public not to enter the area as it was dangerous," he said, and added that no one was allowed to enter the two villages and their surrounding areas, where the terrorists were believed to be scattered in small groups.

After heavy shelling and gun bat-

ties for nearly a week now, the security forces have killed 53 terrorists. They have also arrested 144 sympathisers and those linked to the terrorists here and in Semporna.

Among those arrested were four gunmen believed to have been involved in the shoot-out in Simunul on Saturday, where six policemen

and six terrorists were killed.

Also nabbed were 27 people in three boats, who were stopped by marine police on Saturday as they were approaching Tanjung Batu.

The remaining terrorists are believed to be still in a 8km radius area between Kampung Tanduo and Tanjung Batu.