

Malaysian climbers missing in Aceh found safe **The Rakyat Post**

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All the 13 Malaysian climbers, who were stranded on Mount Loser in Aceh, were found safe yesterday and efforts were being made to bring them down by the Indonesian search and rescue team.

This was disclosed by Mustaqim Mustaza, managing director of Global Communication Centre Kuala Lumpur (GCC) – which is the coordinator for the search and rescue operation.

He said the climbers, including Ahmad Nazit Rashid, who was reported suffering from hypothermia, was found near Kulit Manis 2 Camp.

“They were found at 3.30pm local time and reported to be safe, including Ahmad Nazir, whose condition is reported to be stable.”

He said efforts were now being made to bring the climbers to Puncak Angkasan where they would join another search and rescue team and then would descend the mountain together.

The Indonesian authorities, through the Badan SAR Nasional (Basarnas), mounted a search for the Malaysian climbers soon after receiving a report that they were stranded on the mountain due to bad weather.

The Malaysian climbers, using the name “Kumpulan Ekspedisi Unity Trans-Lung 2016” left for Medan on Dec 1 and were reported to have arrived at the Jalur Kedah Base Camp on Mount Loser the next day after 20 hours of travelling by land through hilly areas of Tanah Karo from Medan.

After a week’s climb, the group arrived at Bipak Kaleng Camp at an altitude of 2,972m during bad weather.

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