

**3 missing Orang Asli children drowned, says mother of survivor**  
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Three of the seven children who went missing six weeks ago in Gua Musang, Kelantan, drowned in the river, said the mother of one of the two surviving children.

The Star Online reported that Norieen Yaakob, 10, told her mother Midah Angah, 40, that her brother, Haikal, 8, had drowned in Sg Perias.

"She said she saw Haikal drinking from the river and saw him being swept away but she could not do anything about it," Midah said at Hospital Raja Perempuan Zainab II yesterday.

Norieen and Miksudiar Aluj, 11, were found alive 46 days after they ran away from the SK Tohoi hostel fearing punishment for swimming in the nearby river without permission.

The remains of the three children have been found along with those of another child, Jovina David. One child is still missing.

Midah reportedly said Sasa Sobrie and Linda Rosli slept along the riverbank the first night but disappeared the next morning.

The two girls are alive but malnourished.

The report also said Aluj, 11, the oldest in the group of seven children that went missing, had been vomiting every time she ate bread. – October 11, 2015.

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