

Nurul's killers 'cruel and cold-blooded'

JOHOR BARU: Cold-blooded murder.

That is how the police have described the killing of five-year-old Nurul Nadirah Abdullah.

"The persons involved are cruel animals and we will do all we can to nab them.

"We still do not know the motive for the incident," said state police chief Deputy Comm Mohd Mokhtar Mohd Shariff to reporters after visiting the family of Nurul Nadirah or Dirang at the Seri Delima flats, Bandar Seri Alam here, yesterday.



Crime scene: Milnah (second from right) and some residents from the area looking at the site where Nurul Nadirah's body was found.

He added that his deputy Senior Asst Comm [Datuk Ismail Yatim](#) had been directed to take charge of the case and complete the investigation papers to speed up prosecution.

Mokhtar said three of the four suspects arrested, including a woman, aged between 30 and 40, tested positive for drugs, including metamphetamine or "ice".

"Two of them have previous criminal records for drug offences and theft," he said.

Asked if the suspects themselves had led the police to Dirang's body, Mokhtar confirmed that they had not but refused to elaborate.

Police confirmed on Monday that the charred body found buried in an oil palm estate in Nusa Damai, Masai, on March 8 matched the DNA of Nurul Nadirah's mother Roselyn Alan.

Nurul Nadirah, five, went missing on March 1 after going to the shop near her flat alone to buy some instant noodles.

Her grandmother Milnah Jul and some residents, meanwhile, visited the site where Dirang was found.

Religious teacher Hafizah Abdul Rowff Khan, 37, said she was shocked that the incident had taken place near her home and had decided not to allow her children to play outside the house from now on.

Meanwhile, Home [Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein](#) said the police had given their reassurance that they would do everything in their power to bring Nurul Nadirah's murderers to book.

He added that the public's outpouring of grief and sorrow over the gruesome death reflected Malaysians' concern for each other regardless of race and religion.

Hishammuddin said he was proud that Malaysians continued being a caring lot despite the general assumption that the value was fast eroding.