

Taman Medan residents make sure kids never alone

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Keeping tabs: Children playing under the watchful eyes of family members at the Taman Medan playground.

PETALING JAYA: Ever since five-year-old Sharlinie Mohd Nashar went missing on Jan 9, residents of Taman Medan have become more watchful over their little ones.



A check by *The Star* showed that many children go out with their elders now.

Rozi, a hawker, said she started picking up her children from the religious school after Sharlinie went missing.

"I fear for the safety of my children so I started to fetch them from school even though our house is within walking distance," she said.

Family members could be seen supervising their children at the playground where Sharlinie was last seen.

Haslinda, a 29-year-old drinks stall owner said children were not allowed to come out and play on their own after the incident.

"There used to be more children playing here but parents are more cautious now," she said.

Robiyah Husin has always been worried for

her granddaughter's safety. She said that wherever her granddaughter goes, she goes.

"Setting up the CCTV is not important. It all boils down to the parents to look after their children," said Robiyah who was keeping an eye on four-year-old Navilah Kharibi.

Efforts are also being taken to beef up security in the area according to several residents.

A non-governmental organisation, the Jamaah Islah Malaysia (JIM), has set up a hotline to help locate Sharlinie.

Its women's wing head Assoc Prof Dr Harlina Halizah Siraj said its offices in every state would get flyers to disseminate information on the girl.

The centre's hotline is 019-6022624.

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