

Girl rescued from ravine

VILLAGERS and aviator politician Sir Peter Barter teamed up yesterday to rescue a girl who had lain hurt in a mountain ravine for 10 days.

The girl was in a group escorting an elderly German couple up the volcano slopes on Karkar Island in Madang Province on August 14.

They were attacked by a group of village youths who robbed the visiting Germans, taking their shoes, as well as a camera and other valuables.

Mary Moses was with islanders escorting the couple on the walk and in trying to save children in the group, became separated from the group.

She fell down a steep ravine on the slopes of Mount Kanagoi and lay there for 10 days, "crying for help" when conscious, according to Madang Regional MP and government minister Sir Peter Barter. All the others reached

Gaubin hospital on the island, but Ms Moses was missing.

Sir Peter, who has been travelling to Bougainville, West New Britain and Southern Highlands since being included in Cabinet, returned to Madang at the weekend. He flew to Karkar in his personal helicopter and was told the girl had been found and was in the garden area above Kurumtaur village.

Sir Peter flew there and landed in a garden where he found her conscious but in much pain after youths from Kurumtaur had rescued her and brought her from the ravine where she had lain.

Sir Peter flew the girl to Gaubin, but then went direct to Madang Hospital, where she has been admitted in a serious but stable condition with multiple injuries to her legs and hip.