Spitfires, Troops Launch Attack In Malaya

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SINGAPORE, Sunday.

Rocket-firing Spitfires, British troops and police at dawn to-day launched the biggest combined attack yet against terrorist hide-outs in the Kajang Semenyih area, 25 miles south of Kuala Lumpur, reports Graham Jenkins, with the attacking forces.

The target was a jungle hideout, less than a quarter of a mile from Demenyih township.

The attack was followed up by a special flying squad of police and four columns of British Royal Artillerymen operating as infantry.

They are, at present, converging from four directions on a 45 square mile area, covering nine rubber estates.

Another operation began this morning when a strong British force launched a drive towards Gua Musang.

Jenkins says the operation covers the Australian rubber estate, Sydney, where weak defences last night beat off a terrorist attack.

Terrorists last night murdered five Chinese and killed one constable in widespread attacks in three States.

The insurgents stabled to death the Chinese manager of a rubber estate at Kuala Lipis.

They then tied a Chinese contractor to a tree near a smokehouse, containing rubber, which they set afire. He later died.

Early this morning two Chinese were shot dead at Nanchang village in West Pahang.

In North Perak, an unknown number of terrorists attacked the village of Jelsi and shot the Chinese Kuomintang, Towkay. Later, the police found the village deserted.

A constable was killed and five other persons wounded when terrorists attacked a police outpost at Semoliang, in South Perak.

Four alleged killers and at least 50 other insurgents were detained by police following today's comb-out of the Semenyih River Valley district.

The alleged killers included a young Chinese, suspected of belonging to the gang of ambushers who last week fatally shot Robert Downey, 10.

The police shot dead one Chinese gunman but no resistance was encountered.

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The police found the bodies of one of the Chinese adult and one Chinese child in the village of Simpoh after this morning's Spitfire rocket attack.

One other Chinese was wounded.