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Aggressive panther shot dead

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IPOH: The Perak Department of Wildlife and National Parks (Perhilitan) shot dead a panther when it attacked one of the agency's personnel in Kampung Kelatap, Pos Perwor here on Thursday.

Perhilitan said that its personnel fired three shots at the feline when it attacked one of the team members who were setting up a trap near some bushes in a rubber plantation at 8.30am.

It said that four-man team from the Sungai Siput Perhilitan office had gone to set up traps in the Orang Asli village following an incident where an 18-year-old villager was attacked by a panther on Wednesday.

The panther that was shot dead was believed to be aged between nine and 10 years, and it had many wounds.

Those wounds were believed to have been inflicted by a machete during the struggle with the Orang Asli villager.

"A broken wire trap was also found on its right hind leg. We believe that may have caused it to turn aggressive and attack humans.

"As such, we urge people to stop setting up their own traps as it could endanger other people, apart from being cruel and causing injuries to wildlife," Perhilitan said, adding that the carcass would be sent to the National Wildlife Rescue Centre for post-mortem. **Bernama**