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Amar: Don't blame logging

KOTA BARU: Deputy Menteri Besar Datuk Mohd Amar Nik Abdullah denies that habitat loss caused by logging is why tigers are encroaching on Orang Asli settlements in Gua Musang recently.

He said the state goverment would leave it to the authorities to investigate the cause of the encroachments.

He said the tiger encroachment in Gua Musang was not the first, and the big cats had been spotted in other districts in Kelantan.

"There were tiger sightings reported in Jeli, but they were never attributed to logging.

"If it is true that logging had caused the tigers to encroach on people's settlements, it is an isolated case.



Datuk Mohd Amar Nik Abdullah

"Do not blame (logging) just because a man was mauled by a tiger. Further and thorough investigation is needed before we can reach any conclusion," said Amar after the state executive council meeting at Darulnaim Complex here yesterday.

The Panchor assemblyman said tigers could have left their habitat due to several factors, including old age.

"The Wildlife and National Parks Department has informed us that age could be a factor here.

"As they become older and less agile, they are unable to hunt other animals like before.

"As a result, they encroach on people's homes for food, and sadly, hunt humans, too, because people cannot run as fast as other animals.

"The department is tracking down the tigers," he added. **By Sharifah Mahsinah Abdullah**