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Negri govt donates 39 traps to deal with wildlife incursion

RESIDENTS in Negri Sembilan who have been long troubled by long-tailed macaques and wild boars can now expect a quicker response from the authorities after the state government donated 39 traps worth RM120,000 to the Wildlife and National Parks Department (Perhilitan).

Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Aminuddin Harun said his administration decided to donate the equipment following many complaints from the people about animal incursions.

"We have been receiving complaints from residents — including farmers as well as those carrying out other agro-related ventures — of the nuisance caused by the wild boars and larger primates such as the macaques.

"We hope these traps will be put to good use so that the people can sleep easier," he said at a ceremony to hand over the traps to the department.

Twenty-four traps are for wild boars while the remaining ones are to capture larger primates. Aminuddin said the state government also decided to step in as the wild boars and macaques could pose a danger to humans.



Aminuddin (left) looking at the traps donated to the state Perhilitan.

"Recently there was a case where a toddler was bitten by a long-tailed macaque in Dusun Nyior.

"We do not want such cases to recur," he said, adding that there were many cases of wild boars and macaques being spotted in residential areas as well.

Aminuddin said the traps would help Perhilitan personnel to relocate the animals away from populated areas.

State Wildlife and National Parks Department director Nurul Ermi Ramli said the traps would be sent to areas where human-wildlife conflict have been reported.

Perhilitan offices in Seremban, Jempol and Gemas will each receive eight traps for wild boars and five for larger primates.

She thanked the state government for the donation as this would help the department better manage the problem.

Nurul Ermi advised the public to call the department's hotline at 1 800 88 5151 or email www.wildlife.gov.my if they have problems related to wildlife incursions.