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Perhilitan on the hunt for two wild elephants and a tiger

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JOHOR BARU: The Johor Wildlife and National Parks Department (Perhilitan) is on the hunt for two wild elephants which are said to have entered a residential area in Tiram and a tiger believed to be in a forest reserve in Kluang following videos of the animals going viral on social media.

Its director Aminuddin Jamin said the state Perhilitan has deployed teams to the areas in search of the elephants and tiger.

"We believe that the two wild elephants are juveniles which might have strayed from their herd," he said when contacted yesterday.

"This is the first time that elephants have been spotted in Taman Bandar Tiram, which is in the outskirts of Johor Baru," he said.

Aminuddin said that Perhilitan sent a team to the residential area to check on the alleged sighting.

In a five-second CCTV video, one of the elephants is seen moving fast in front of houses in the area on Wednesday. The footage was captured at 5.17am.

The two elephants are believed to have roamed from Batu 14 ½ near Sungai Tiram to the area behind the Malaysian Army Combat Training Centre (Pulada) by going through Taman Bandar Tiram.

The recording of the tiger, on the other hand, is believed to have been taken at the Lenggor Forest Reserve, said Aminuddin, adding that personnel were also sent there to check on the matter.

"Tigers are fully protected under the Wildlife Conservation Act and furthermore, the tiger was in a forest reserve area. It is also an offence for anyone to trespass.

"We urge the public not to enter the area as tigers are dangerous. Our team has been deployed to look out for poachers and traps," he added.

In the video, several persons can be heard saying that the tiger was recorded in the forest at 12.27pm on Monday.

A man is heard saying that the tiger came close to their 4WD vehicle at one point.

Sounds of the vehicle's engine running and horn honking was heard as the tiger rests behind a fallen tree.