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11 TIGERS ALLEGEDLY SPOTTED

TRAPS SET FOLLOWING TIGER SIGHTING

Perhilitan places three traps at Orang Asli settlement, advises villagers to be careful

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THE Wildlife and National Parks Department (Perhilitan) has placed traps in the Orang Asli settlement in Pos Bihai, Gua Musang following reports of tiger sighting there on Monday.

Two were placed at Kampung Tendrik and another Kampung Hak in the settlement, it said in a statement.

"The department will continue to monitor the village as well as update the local people on our operations.

"We will also brief the villagers on safety measures that need to be taken while they are outside their homes," it said.

The department advised villagers to be careful and immediately inform the department when they spot tigers roaming in their areas.

The statement, it said, was issued as a response to a report in a local Malay newspaper claiming that 11 tigers had been spotted at Pos Bihai and posed a threat to the villagers.

According to the first National Tiger Survey (NTS1), it said a majority of the Malayan tiger population are in the forest reserves in the Peninsular Malaysia, especially at the Banjaran Titiwangsa National Park Complex.

On Jan 7, it was reported in Gua Musang that an Orang Asli man was mauled to death by a tiger three days earlier in Kampung Sau near Pos Bihai. The male tiger was believed to be one of the 11 tigers sighted in the village. It was shot dead by the department's rangers who were deployed to the village to track down the animal following a report of the attack.

It was also reported that the tiger had, the night before Jan 4, pounced on several villagers.

Kelantan Wildlife and National Parks director Mohamad Hafid Rohani said they were fishing at a nearby river to prepare for the Pesta Padi celebration when the tiger appeared from the bushes.

"According to the villagers, the tiger tried to attack them but they managed to run to safety," said Hafid.



A tiger spotted outside the fence of SK Balar on Monday. PIC COURTESY OF READER