



KEMENTERIAN TENAGA DAN SUMBER ASLI

KERATAN AKHBAR

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Trapped: The sun bear taking a peek from inside the trap installed by Perhilitan in Kampung Jerek, Kelantan. – Bernama

Sun bear caught in Perhilitan trap

GUA MUSANG: Villagers in Kampung Jerek were relieved when one of the three sun bears that roamed and nested there was captured by the Wildlife Protection and National Parks Department (Perhilitan).

Mohd Fahmi Aziz Matsin, 25, said they discovered the presence of a male sun bear in a trap after a loud bang was heard behind his house at about 8.30pm.

"At that time, I had just finished performing the Isyak prayers. I looked for the cause of the banging sound and as soon as I gazed outside the house, I saw that the door of the bear trap located behind the house was slammed shut.

"I duly informed the Perhilitan staff who live in this village," he said yesterday, Bernama reported.

According to Mohd Fahmi, he could hear the animal roaring and thrashing back and forth inside the trap.

It was previously reported that 3,000 residents in the village had been anxious the past two months whenever they had to leave their homes early morning or at night after some villagers encountered the wild animal.

Another resident, Sabariah Mohamed Sayuti, 43, was thankful to the Perhilitan rangers who had been camping there since last month to track and catch the bear.

Their efforts had finally yielded results, she said.

Meanwhile, Perhilitan Kelantan director Mohamad Hafid Rohani said the operation to catch the bear started on Aug 14 by setting traps near a school but this was moved to the back of the residents' houses on Oct 5 where repeated complaints were centred on.

"It is understood that there are two more (sun bears) in this area and I caution the villagers not to approach these (unpredictable) wild animals," he said.

The success in Kampung Jerek marked the third bear rescue operation besides others trapped in Jeli and Kuala Krai.

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