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ENCROACHMENT

New tiger tracks in Kelantan village

GUA MUSANG: Orang Asli villagers yesterday discovered fresh tiger tracks in Kampung Remau here.

This was the second such discovery after a tiger was seen in the village last month.

Pos Bihai Orang Asli Village Security Development Committee secretary Pelinejon Assut said the tiger tracks were found near a *kongsi* (worker' quarters) that belonged to loggers.

"The tiger tracks were spotted by a few Orang Asli men about 3pm. They then alerted the authorities.

"The tracks are believed to be from the same tiger that was seen roaming in the village last month."

Pelinejon said the 17 Orang Asli families from three villages near Pos Bihai that were evacuated over tiger threats since December were still staying at temporary shelters.



Fresh tiger tracks spotted in Kampung Remau near Pos Bihai, Gua Musang, yesterday. PIC COURTESY OF PELINEJON ASSUT

He said the families from Kampung Buluk, Kampung Suma and Kampung Remau were moved to Kampung Tendrik.

"Orang Asli villagers hope the tiger issue will be solved soon so that we can resume our daily activities."

Several tiger sightings have been reported near Orang Asli settlements in the district since December, including two tigers that were spotted outside SK Balar.

Following the sightings, the General Operations Force (GOF) Senoi Praaq team was deployed to Gua Musang to help track down the tigers.

The Senoi Praaq is a unit made up entirely of Orang Asli members.

Its history goes back to the days of the Malayan Emergency when the Orang Asli developed a reputation as an elite jungle warfare fighting force.

Additional manpower is required to help the authorities track down the tigers encroaching on Orang Asli settlements, especially in Pos Bihai.