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Tiger that killed Orang Asli shot dead

KOTA BARU: The male tiger that killed an Orang Asli man on Friday had earlier attacked villagers at Kampung Sau near Pos Bihai in Gua Musang a night before.

State Wildlife and National Parks director Mohamad Hafid Rohani said the villagers were fishing at a nearby river as part of preparations to celebrate "Pesta Padi" when the incident happened.

"They were fishing at the river when a tiger appeared in front of them. It attacked them but they managed to run to safety."

He said 12 rangers were deployed to the village on Friday when the department received a report on a tiger that had attacked an Orang Asli man, Anek Along.

"The rangers were informed that villagers, who went to search for the missing man (who was later found to have been mauled by the tiger), saw traces of blood at the back of his house.

"While searching for him, they found the tiger and threw spears at it when the animal tried to attack them.

"The rangers tracked it down about noon and were forced to shoot it dead when it tried to attack them," he said.

Hafid said the department believed three tigers were roaming near the village since last December but could not determine whether the one that killed Anek was among the three.