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LOOKING FOR FOOD

'Elephant in video not the one that attacked woman'

GERIK: The Perak Wildlife and National Parks Department (Perhilitan) said a wild elephant spotted in Pos Kemar near here was not responsible for a recent attack.

The sighting comes after an elephant attacked an Orang Asli woman, who was looking for durians behind her home on July 30.

Perak Perhilitan director Yusoff Shariff said the bull elephant, aged between 32 and 35, was spotted by the Elephant Action Unit (UTG) when it entered the village. It was believed to be looking for food.

Yusoff, however, denied that the elephant was the same one that attacked the 30-year-old woman.

"No, that's another elephant. Right now it's durian season at

Pos Kemar. We believe the fallen durian had attracted the elephants.

"Seven UTG staff have been stationed at the location since July 27. We are trying to drive the animal back into the forest," he said here.

The 53-second video showed a male elephant with a collar passing through the village in Pos Kemar before entering the nearby forest. The video has gone viral since Friday.

Yusoff said the collar was fitted to track wild animals.

"We are collaborating with the Malaysian Elephant Management Ecology researchers from the University of Nottingham to track the movement of elephants so we can reduce human-elephant conflict," he said.



A screengrab from a video showing a male elephant with a collar at the village in Pos Kemar.

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