



KERATAN AKHBAR

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The carcass of a pygmy elephant with gunshot wounds was found in Beluran yesterday.

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TUSKS REMOVED

Another pygmy elephant carcass found

BELURAN: Another carcass of a pygmy elephant with its tusks removed was found by plantation workers here yesterday.

Sabah Wildlife Department director Augustine Tuuga said the department's team of veterinarians and forest rangers had conducted a post-mortem on the carcass.

"From what we know, the elephant was shot dead and had its two tusks removed," he was quoted as saying yesterday.

He said based on initial checks, the elephant could have died three days ago.

He said the department was working closely with security forces following the latest case.

On Sept 23, the carcass of a pygmy elephant with more than 70 gunshot wounds was found in Sungai Udin, Tawau. Its tusks were also removed.

Follow-up operations by the authorities led to the arrests of six suspects, including an immigrant.

Police also seized firearms, bullets and a pair of elephant tusks.

The Sabah Wildlife Department, a United Kingdom-based non-governmental organisation and an anonymous donor have pledged a reward of RM30,000 for whistleblowers with information that could lead to the prosecution of offenders in the case.