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BLACK PANTHER CAPTURED



A black panther was captured in Kampung Geylang, near Pertang, in Jelebu on Saturday. PIC COURTESY OF PERHILITAN

Animal caught soon after 15 sheep were killed, says Wildlife director

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A BLACK panther was captured by the Negri Sembilan Wildlife and National Parks Department (Perhilitan) in Kampung Geylang, near Pertang here, less than 24 hours after carcasses of 15 sheep were found at a farm on Saturday.

State Perhilitan director Wan Mat Wan Harun said the predator was caught at 10pm using an iron trap installed two weeks ago. "The panther was lured using the carcass of a goat.

"We have yet to identify the sex and weight of the animal, pending treatment that will be carried out by the Veterinary Department and Perhilitan," he said when contacted by the New Straits Times Press here yesterday.

Wan Mat said the animal was a rare endangered species, which is protected under the Wildlife Conservation Act 2010 (Act 716).

"The panther will be released after an inspection to ensure it is healthy."

He said an investigation into the killing of the sheep revealed that the panther had entered their enclosure through a gap between the roof and wall.

The sheep's owner, Ibrahim Maasin, 60, said he realised that the animals were dead when he went to their cage to feed them at 9am on Saturday.

"The cage is 100m from my house, and I believe the attack happened at midnight."