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## Captured Malayan tiger dies

**PETALING JAYA:** The Malayan tiger that was captured in a village in Dungun, Terengganu by the state Wildlife and National Parks Department (Perhilitan) last Friday has died.

Perhilitan said in a statement the male tiger known as Awang Besul died yesterday at the National Wildlife Rescue Centre (NWRC) in Sungkai, Perak where he was receiving intensive treatment.

It is believed to have died due to canine distemper virus (CDV), a disease known to easily infect domestic and wild animals.

"Intensive monitoring of Awang Besul from July 20 to 23 showed that there were neurological clinical signs, namely being not aggressive, walking in one direction, seizures and signs of respiratory tract

infection," Perhilitan said.

"Blood samples were taken and sent to the Veterinary Research Institute on July 21. The virology results showed that Awang Besul was CDV positive."

Perhilitan said a post-mortem would be carried out.

It also does not rule out the possibility that canine distemper which affected Awang Besul was spread by other wild animals in the area.

Last week, videos of the 130kg tiger in Kampung Besul Lama, Bukit Besi, were circulated online showing the tiger roaming around the village.

It was captured last Friday after being shot with a tranquilliser dart. The tiger was found to have injuries on its legs, eye inflammation and was dehydrated.