



## KERATAN AKHBAR

SURAT KHABAR	:	NEW STRAITS TIMES			
TARIKH	:	14/11/2018	MUKA SURAT	:	73
JABATAN	:	PERHILITAN			
KLASIFIKASI	:	<b>PERHATIAN</b>			

**4M-LONG**

# Crocodile at Sungai Bernam dam caught

**HULU BERNAM:** A “Malayan gharial”, or more commonly known as a “false gharial” crocodile, that appeared near the Sungai Bernam dam here three weeks ago, has been captured by the Wildlife and National Parks Department (Perhilitan) yesterday.

Fisherman Shaharin Samsudin, 59, said the crocodile was caught with a rope before it was pulled up to the riverbank.

He said efforts to capture the

4m-long crocodile, which weighed about 100kg, was not difficult as it could smell human presence.

“The Perhilitan team took 30 minutes to catch the crocodile by tying a rope around its body and snout.

“The dam is a popular location for anglers, with a wide range of fish. We can finally breathe a sigh of relief as the crocodile has been caught,” he said yesterday.

It was reported that anglers

were worried about their safety due to the presence of the crocodile at the dam since three weeks ago.

The crocodile was apparently spotted near the riverbank.

The dam has since attracted folks who wanted to catch a glimpse of the freshwater reptile.

The “false gharial” is a freshwater crocodile native to peninsular Malaysia, Borneo, Sumatra and Java.



The crocodile that was caught at the Sungai Bernam dam. PIC COURTESY OF READER