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Johor finds third tapir roadkill this month

JOHOR BARU: A female tapir was found dead after it was believed to have been hit by a vehicle at Jalan Padang Tembak, near Kluang.

Johor Wildlife and National Parks Department (Perhilitan) director Salman Saaban said the carcass of the tapir, estimated to be seven years old and weighing about 350kg, was found by passers-by at about 8am yesterday.

"Personnel from the Kluang Perhilitan office who went to the scene found injury marks on the animal's head with blood and foam coming from its mouth.

"It is suspected that the animal was hit by a vehicle," he said in a statement.

Salman said based on the information obtained, the tapir was believed to have died at midnight on Wednesday, adding that the carcass was later buried at Ladang Mados Tanah Abang near Mersing.

He said this was the third roadkill incident involving a tapir in the state this month.

"The first incident took place on Jan 5 at Batu 20, Jalan Kota Tinggi-Mersing, near Kota Tinggi while the second incident was on Jan 13 involving a female tapir, believed to be six years old and weighing about 250kg," he said.

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