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Panther strikes fear in residents

KUALA TERENGGANU: If two months ago, two tigers spotted in Kampung Besul Lama near Dungun sparked headlines, now a panther has been spotted in a nearby area.

In the past two weeks, the panther has been seen prowling at Taman Harmoni near Al-Muktafi Billah Shah, about 15km from Kampung Besul Lama.

A resident of Taman Harmoni, Nur Mazila Mohd Salleh, 37, said she saw the animal on Monday night near Block H.

"It's the third time I've seen it in two weeks, but a neighbour said the panther was spotted last month. We're living in fear and our children are not allowed to play outside any more. We hope the panther will be caught soon."

Nur Mazila had posted a picture of the panther on Facebook

and requested for the contact numbers of the Terengganu Department of Wildlife and National Parks (Perhilitan).

The post no longer exists.

Perhilitan Terengganu director Dr Abdul Malik Mohd Yusuf said the department had received reports from residents and sent personnel to set up traps. He urged the residents to report to Perhilitan immediately if they spotted the animal again.

On July 19, one of the two tigers spotted in Kampung Besul Lama was caught, about 500m from the village's main road, using a tranquiliser gun.

The tiger, believed to be 5 years old and weighing 130kg, died on July 23 at the National Wildlife Rescue Centre in Sungkai, Perak, where it was quarantined. **Berna-**

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Department of Wildlife and National Parks personnel with the tiger caught in Kampung Besul Lama near Dungun in July. FILE PIC