



## KERATAN AKHBAR

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## Perhilitan captures 2 elephants in Mersing

**MERSING:** The state Wildlife and National Parks Department captured two wild elephants at the Iskandar Camp here on Tuesday.

In a statement yesterday, department director Salman Saaban said a female elephant was caught at 3.15pm, followed by a male one at 3.45pm.

He said the operation was conducted following complaints received from the public in the morning, regarding the presence of elephants at a bush near the camp's staff quarters.

"It is feared that the elephants might get lost and eventually make their way to the Flintstone Palace, about 1.5km from the area, if no immediate action

was taken."

He said according to one complainant, the elephants had been in the camp area for a week.

"However, attempts to persuade and lure the wild elephants went futile."

He said both elephants, part of the Jamaluan group that had caused conflicts around Pekan Jamaluan, Felda Gugusan Tenggaroh, Kampung Wak Salam and Kampung Sri Pantai, are healthy and active.

"We will continue to monitor the elephants until they are transferred to a new habitat. We will also monitor the rest of the herd to ensure they move from the area."