



KERATAN AKHBAR

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MONKEY MENACE

Prompt action by Wildlife Dept

RESIDENTS of Happy Park, Ipoh, are a happy lot now, thanks to Actionline, which highlighted the intrusion by monkeys from the nearby jungle.

The state Wildlife and National Parks Department has captured 15 monkeys and shot dead two in an operation following complaints from residents, which was highlighted by Actionline on Jan 12.

Its director, Noor Alif Wira Osman, says the wild monkeys were ferocious and his officers had to shoot them.

"Apart from that, 15 were trapped and will be sent to places far away from residential areas. Hopefully, the problem will be reduced," he says.

Noor Alif Wira reveals that the department had been receiving reports from the Happy Park residents since 2015 and the wildlife officers have trapped many, reducing the menace.

"But this is a recurring problem. We cannot capture them all at once, but we can reduce the disturbances and the number of primates," he says.

He adds that there are many con-



Wildlife officers carrying a cage with the trapped monkeys. PIC COURTESY OF PERAK WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

tributing factors as the place is free from predators and the monkeys would come out to look for food.

Meanwhile, Naidu, who earlier called Actionline, says the monkeys are still there but the problem has been reduced.

"Thank you Actionline and thank you Wildlife Department for the prompt action. We are glad that the department is now aware of the problem."