



KERATAN AKHBAR

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Pygmy elephant may have died of poisoning

KOTA KINABALU: A Borneo pygmy elephant fitted with a satellite-collar was found dead in a plantation in Kinabatangan on Saturday. Plantation workers found the female pachyderm carcass with several lizards feeding on it near a drain at 5.50am. They alerted the Sabah Wildlife Department (SWD). It is learnt that the mammal, named Girang, belonged to a herd under the Danau Girang Field Centre, a collaborative research and training facility managed by SWD and Cardiff University.

SWD director Augustine Tuuga said a post-mortem showed that the mammal's heart, lungs, liver, spleen and kidneys were severely congested. Although the stomach contained normal food content, such as oil palm fronds and sweet potatoes, the cause of death was suspected to be acute poisoning.