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Terengganu Wildlife and National Parks Department director Dr Abdul Malek Mohd Yusof (left) inspecting the tigers' trails with his deputy Ahmad Kamsul Alias (centre). PIC BY IMRAN MAKHZAN

SPOTTED IN KAMPUNG BESUL

ROAMING TIGERS 'MAY BE PETS'

Possibly set free to wander in the jungle by owner, says state Perhilitan director, as he urges caution

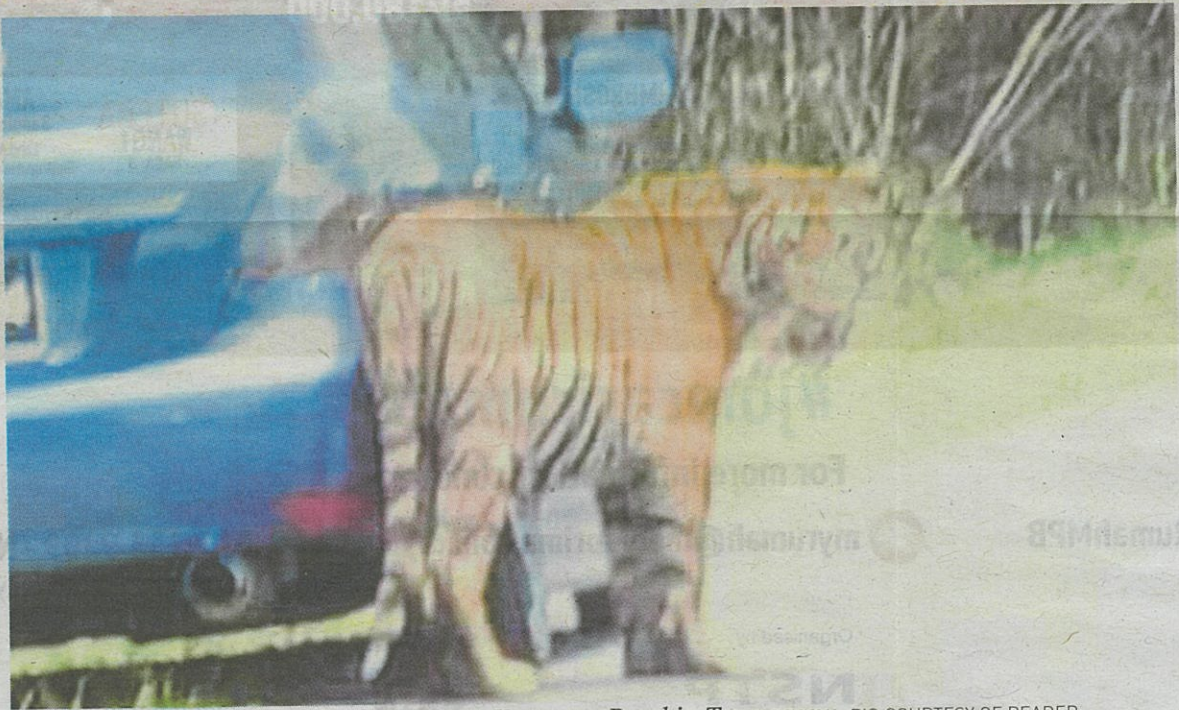
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THE two tigers spotted strolling around Kampung Besul, Bukit Besi, here, on Thursday are most probably someone's pets, said Terengganu Wildlife and National Parks Department (Perhilitan) director Dr Abdul Malek Mohd Yusof.

Malek said based on the tigers' tame behaviour, the department believed that the tigers were set free to wander in the jungle by their owner before they got lost and entered the village.

"We believe that the tame behaviour of the tigers is probably due to an illness as they appeared less energetic.

"However, we cannot confirm this as the tigers are still at large," he said at the village on



One of the two tigers spotted roaming near Kampung Besul in Terengganu. PIC COURTESY OF READER

Thursday night.

A video of the tigers strolling in Kampung Besul, Bukit Besi, went viral over the social media.

Malek said 20 Perhilitan officers had been deployed to the village since Thursday to locate

and catch the tigers.

Traps have been set up for the purpose and to ease the villagers' anxiety and worries, he added.

"Our team are in the process of catching the tigers. For the time

being, the villagers are advised to stop outdoor activities to avoid any tiger attacks.

"If you stumble upon the tiger, don't try to get close to it because if it feels threatened, it may attack." **Bernama**