



KEMENTERIAN TENAGA DAN SUMBER ASLI

# KERATAN SURAT KHABAR

SURAT KHABAR	:	NST			
TARIKH	:	27/7/2021 (SELASA)	MUKA SURAT	:	15
JABATAN	:	JPNP			

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## Replanting of 20,000 saplings in Raub forest reserve nears end

**RAUB:** The replanting of some 20,000 forest tree saplings in the Batu Talam forest reserve near here, which was previously occupied by illegal durian farms, will be completed by the end of this month.

State Forestry Department's Forest Development Office (Pahang Barat) assistant director Wan Ghazali Wan Ali said 16,445 saplings had been planted and the process was expected to be completed within a week.

"Merawan, Meranti, Balau, Keruing saplings and other species have been planted on the cleared 101ha land.

"The department has planted 610 saplings of rare fruit trees from the Sentul and Tampoi species, which are between six and 12 months old. The trees will

produce fruits upon reaching a certain height in the next 15 years," he said.

"To ensure proper coordination and no area is left abandoned, staff members were divided into several groups, including to work along hilly slopes. Between 900 and 1,000 saplings are planted daily."

Wan Ghazali said the replanting began immediately after the operation to cut down some 15,000 Musang King trees in the forest reserve was completed on July 11.

He said the replanting had been going on smoothly under the watchful eyes of the General Operations Force, which has been stationed in the forest reserve since Op Pamah began on July 3.



Pahang Forestry Department staff members replanting tree saplings in the Batu Talam forest reserve in Raub yesterday. PIC BY MOHD RAFI MAMAT

