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RM600,000 allocation to tackle tiger threat

JELI, Sun. - The Federal Government has allocated RM600,000 to the State Wildlife and National Park Department to handle the threat of tigers in Jeli and Tanah Merah, National Economic Action Council executive director Datuk Mustapa Mohamed said.

He said the bulk of the allocation would be used to buy traps and other equipment to locate and catch the animals.

He said the Government was serious about tackling the problem.

Mustapa also said the Federal Government had agreed to channel aid to families of victims of tiger attacks.

"The assistance was supposed to be handed to them by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad during his visit here on Oct 29, but it has been postponed," he said.

At least three rubber tappers had been killed and two others seriously injured in tiger attacks in Jeli, Tanah Merah and Gua Musang this year.