



PRESS RELEASE

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**“RELOCATION OPERATION OF ASIAN ELEPHANT (LASAH)
AND MALAYAN TIGER (ZANAH)”**

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1. I am pleased to announce that the Department of Wildlife and National Parks (PERHILITAN) has successfully conducted a special wildlife relocation operation involving an Asian Elephant named 'Lasah' and a Malayan Tiger named 'Zanah'. These animals were previously housed at Langkawi Elephant Adventures (LEA) at the Oriental Village Burau Bay, in Langkawi.
2. Both animals were handed over to PERHILITAN and were transferred to their respective centres because LEA was unable to carry out its operations at its premises following instructions to vacate the area and cease all activities. In addition, the Permanent Exhibition Permit issued by the PERHILITAN had expired and is not renewable.
3. In order to ensure the continued welfare of both animals are managed well, they have to be moved and placed in an appropriate location managed by PERHILITAN. Lasah has been moved to the National Elephant Conservation Centre, Kuala Gandah, Pahang while Zanah

has been placed at the National Wildlife Rescue Centre (NWRC) in Sungkai, Perak.

4. The operation which commenced on July 26th 2018 (Thursday) concluded successfully three days later on July 28th 2018 (Saturday). The operation involved a huge team comprising those from the National Elephant Conservation Centre, National Wildlife Rescue Centre, PERHILITAN Kedah and PERHILITAN Headquarters.
5. In addition, PERHILITAN had also carefully planned and worked together with other relevant government and private agencies in the District of Langkawi to ensure the relocation process went smoothly and did not pose any risk to the public as well as the wildlife.
6. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the concerned parties that assisted PERHILITAN in managing and ensuring the success of this operation.

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PICTURES OF ASIAN ELEPHANT (LASAH)



PICTURE OF MALAYAN TIGER (ZANAH)



RELOCATION OPERATION OF ASIAN ELEPHANT (LASAH) FROM LANGKAWI ELEPHANT ADVENTURES (LEA) (ORIENTAL VILLAGE BURAU BAY, LANGKAWI)



'Lasah' before operation start



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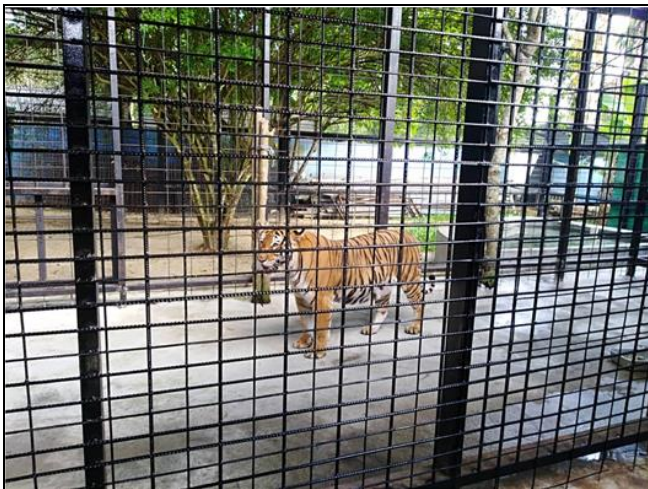


'Lasah' successfully transferred to the lorry

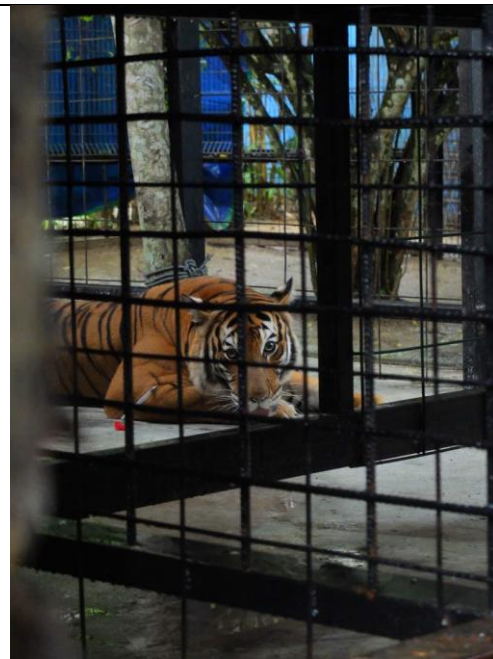


'Lasah' relocate out from Langkawi using ferry

RELOCATION OPERATION OF MALAYAN TIGER (ZANAH) FROM LANGKAWI WILDLIFE PARK (LWP)



Malayan Tiger (Zanah) in cage



'Zanah' successfully shot with the drug



Zanah physical inspection and records



Zanah safely transferred on the lorry