

Wild jumbos destroy water tanks and pipes

GUA MUSANG: More than 300 Orang Asli from the Bateq tribe in Kampung Aring 5 here had their piped water supply destroyed by a herd of wild elephants.

The incident took place at about 11pm on Saturday.

According to village leader Rina Anjang, 47, the elephants destroyed not only three water tanks but also the piping system that connects to a water catchment at a nearby hill.

Villagers found their water supply disrupted at about 6am yesterday, prompting some of them to check on the water catchment area located about 3km from the village.

After trekking for an hour they found the water pipes damaged and scattered.

It was learnt the elephants were still in the vicinity but soon retreated into the nearby jungle.

Rina said the matter would be brought to the attention of the Orang Asli Development Department as the villagers did not have the money to cover the repairs.

Villager Husin Selik, 61, said they would have to rely on river water for now although they were unsure of its cleanliness.

He said it was the first time the elephants had destroyed their water supply. — Bernama