

## Fear Grips Nazira Villages as Tiger Roams Near Human Settlements



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Widespread fear has gripped several villages in Nazira following repeated sightings of a large tiger, with residents capturing startling visuals of the animal roaming freely near human habitations on their mobile phones.

According to reports, vast areas of the Nazira Co-District, particularly villages along the Dikhow River, have increasingly become a tiger movement zone. Villages such as Rajapul, Khanikar Gaon, Natun Mati, Duwara Gaon and Gar Ali—located barely three kilometres from Nazira town—have been witnessing frequent tiger activity in recent weeks.

Residents say hearing the loud roars of the big cat and spotting it near residential compounds has become alarmingly common.

For nearly two months, villagers have been living under constant fear as the tiger continues to prey on livestock. Reports of goats and pigs being attacked almost daily have left the community distressed. According to local residents, around 20 goats, a calf and a piglet have so far been killed after the predator entered sheds and animal enclosures.

A local resident, Punil Duwara, who works in the police department, informed the authorities about the ongoing situation. Following this, coordination has been established with the Lakshmijan Forest Beat Office to address the growing threat.

Meanwhile, a group of 10 to 12 youths from Rajapul has been actively monitoring the tiger's movements and attempting to trap it. The youths have also been carrying out nighttime patrols, beating tins and creating loud noises in an effort to drive the animal away from human settlements.

Local youth leader Gunagobinda Duwara claimed that more than three tigers may be present in the area. Villagers have also managed to record the movements of the large tiger during daylight hours, further heightening concern among residents.

Fearing a possible attack on humans, villagers have urged forest authorities to take immediate steps to capture the animal before the situation escalates. Their concerns have been compounded by economic losses suffered by many households, particularly women beneficiaries of government livelihood schemes whose livestock have fallen prey to the tiger.

The situation remains tense across the affected villages, with residents calling for swift and effective intervention from the Forest Department to prevent any potential tragedy and safeguard both human lives and livelihoods.

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