

# Stray tiger brought to city zoo

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The stray tiger from Pilibhit, that was tranquilised and captured in Farukhabad on Thursday, was brought to the Lucknow Zoological Gardens on Friday. The feline, that killed eight persons in Pilibhit and Shahjahanpur, was brought to the zoo in a cage covered from all sides. The tiger will be quarantined during its stay at the zoo.

Chief Wildlife Warden BK Patnaik said any decision regarding the animal's future was yet to be taken.

"The tiger may either be released in the forest area of another state with the help of National Tiger Conservation Authority or retained at the city zoo," he said.

Patnaik said the three-year-old male tiger had been captured by the efforts of DFO (Shahjahanpur) PP Singh and ten experts of the Wildlife Trust of India.

"Capturing the tiger was a difficult task since tranquilisation had to be carried out in front of over 5,000 people creating a lot of noise. In such conditions, it could have been ineffective," said Patnaik.

When asked how the Forest department identified the tiger which had been on a killing spree during the past few months, Patnaik said photographs of the tiger had been taken through the camera traps and the pattern of the stripes among various other factors confirmed that it was the same tiger. He added that the animal would have been trapped but for the floods which caused the delay.

Commenting on the increasing number of incidents of tigers straying into the



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state, Patnaik said no reasons could be given as a cause.

"There can be no reasons given but most of these tigers are coming from Pilibhit because of good breeding in that area and consequent spill over," he added.

He admitted that the terrain of the state was very peculiar which served as a major problem. He also said that various efforts were on to see that that crucial tiger habitat area and the buffer area was created in the forest to check such incidents. However, he added that the work would take some time to be completed.

