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**INFECTED WITH COVID-19, TWO SUMATRAN TIGERS IN RAGUNAN ZOO ARE NOW DECLARED HEALTHY BUT  
REMAIN UNDER JAKARTA PARK AND URBAN FOREST AGENCY'S OBSERVATION**

**JAKARTA SELATAN** - Two Sumatran tigers in the Ragunan Zoo were infected with COVID-19. Head of the Park and Urban Forest Agency (Distamhut) of DKI Jakarta Province, Suzi Marsitawati, confirmed that the two animals have recovered although remaining under close observation from the Ragunan Zoo Management Unit of the Jakarta Park and Urban Forest Agency.

Suzi explained that initially, on July 9, one of the Sumatran tigers, 9-year-old Tino, became ill with clinical symptoms of shortness of breath, sneezing, nasal mucus, and lack of appetite. Two days later, another Sumatran tiger, 12-year-old Hari, was observed to be in a declining health with the same clinical symptoms as Tino.

“On July 14, we took swab samples and sent the samples to the Primate Animal Study Laboratory Center, IPB Bogor. The results came out on July 15 stating that the two animals were exposed to COVID-19, ” explained Suzi.

Suzi added that the two animals were since treated with antibiotics, antihistamines, anti-inflammatory drugs, and multivitamins. Suzi said, within about 10-12 days of treatment, the two tigers gradually improved and recovered.

Suzi also said that the Governor of DKI Jakarta Province, Anies Baswedan, along with the ranks of the DKI Jakarta Provincial Government also personally observed the condition of the two Sumatran tigers on Saturday (31/7). “At this time, the two animals were healthy. Appetite has returned to normal and they have also returned to being active,” she said.

Furthermore, Suzi also emphasized that the two animals did not transmit the virus to humans. There are no studies showing that exudates of animals infected with Covid-19 contain the active virus. However, Suzi has said that they are currently tracing the cause of virus exposure in the two animals.

“This is because when the two animals started to develop symptoms, the Ragunan Zoo was closed, due to the Emergency PPKM. We have also conducted contact tracing amongst the nurses and officers while the animals were sick, (the result) no one has been exposed to COVID-19. So, the investigation is ongoing,” she said.