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Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my concerns about tigers. It was intensely shocking to see in the news that a Malayan tiger got run over by a truck when it was walking across the road. The "kings of the forest" are facing the danger of disappearing in the wild forever. Why is that so? It is because of us humans.

One of the greatest threats to tigers is poaching. Thousands of them were hunted by poachers for their bones and skin in the past. Many people believe that products or medicine made from body parts of tigers can make them luckier and stronger. If these false beliefs had been debunked earlier, the poaching and trafficking would not have led to so many deaths of these creatures.

It is obvious that news about tiger attacks or tigers being run over by trucks has become more common in recent years. This is due to urban encroachment. With increasing urban encroachment, more forests are being cut down. What's worse, the food sources of tigers, like boars and deer, are also hunted by humans. Tigers who have no food to eat have to attack animals on farms.

To sum up, tigers are threatened by poaching and urban encroachment. It is high time for us to help conserve these animals. We should push our governments to take action immediately.

Yours faithfully,

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