

Solution needed to keep cows from roads

I REFER your front page report "Beware! Cows crossing" (The Star, Aug 10).

For the past five years I have been a daily user of Federal Route Five or more commonly known as Ipoh-Lumut Highway.

On a daily basis regardless of the time of day, there will be cows and buffaloes crossing this major road, putting the lives of all road users in danger.

I have encountered numerous vehicle accidents as a result of cows and buffaloes crossings, many result-

ing in severe injuries and sometimes death.

When I stop to offer assistance or to console the fellow bereaved, I too wonder if and when I will be the next victim. To rub salt to injury the herder just walks off free of any responsibility by simply claiming non-ownership to these livestock.

Various departments, namely the Department of Veterinary Services, local councils, police and the Public Works Department, need to come out with a long-term solution to this enormous danger to road users.

It is high time we put an end to the selfish herders' excuses of crossing the road to look for greener grazing land.

Lastly, a word of caution to all road users of the Ipoh-Lumut Highway, slow down and be extra vigilant for crossing cows and buffaloes, especially areas along this highway such as Balim, Lahat, Pusing, Batu Gajah, Siputih and Kampung Bali until Seri Iskandar.

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