

Rhino terrorises Omuthiya residents

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ONE pupil and an elderly resident sustained slight injuries after they were attacked by a lone black rhino which terrorised residents of Omuthiya in Oshikoto region on Monday.

The councillor of Omuthiya constituency, Armas Amukoto confirmed the incident and said the rhino first attacked pupils and teachers at Nicodemus Nashandi Primary School in the constituency.

He said the rhino invaded the teachers' houses at the school, before attacking farmers in the area.

"The pupil and the elder were rushed to Omuthiya state hospital and they are both in a stable condition," said Amukoto, adding that the rhino is believed to have strayed from Etosha National Park that is close to the constituency.

Amukoto further said classes at Nicodemus Nashandi school were suspended for the entire day yesterday to ensure the safety of the pupils, many of whom showed signs of fear, anxiety and nervousness after seeing the animal.

Amukoto said classes will resume today.

He said this was not the first time an endangered animal was spotted in the area, as the constituency is near Etosha national park where most of these animals come from.

The rhino was captured by the nature conservation officers in the early morning hours of yesterday and was returned to Etosha national park.

Amukoto cautioned the residents of Omuthiya to avoid walking at night and always report any endangered animal they see wandering in the area to the police or the council's offices.