

## **Elephant tramples man, 27, to death after being 'pelted with stones as she tried to help her critically**

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The animal went berserk yesterday in West Bengal as she tried to help her sick baby to its feet, local media reports.

### ***The mother elephant tried to protect its sick calf as locals filmed on their smartphones***

A RAMPAGING elephant trampled an Indian man to death yesterday after locals pelted it with stones as it guarded its sick newborn calf, reports local media.

Disturbing footage showed the mother attempting to help her baby to its feet after it fell ill shortly after birth in Ajnashuli, West Bengal.

### ***The animal eventually trampled a man to death after villagers began throwing stones at her and her baby, claims local media***

But the calf was too weak to get to its feet and the incident took a sinister turn when villagers began throwing stones at the pair, reports VN Express.

The mother beast went berserk and charged at the locals killing Shailen Mahato, 27, it has been reported.

According to reports the elephant had tried to warn villagers who gathered around filming on smartphones by stamping her feet.

The mother reportedly gave birth to the weak baby near a dry lake and had been trying to move it into a nearby forest before the attack.

Shortly after the rampage, 10 other elephants appeared in the area causing panic among terrified locals.

More footage shows three of the big mammals running through the forest as they reportedly chased villagers.

Forest rangers have cordoned off the area as the baby calf is still not strong enough to move into the jungle.

### ***More elephants arrived in the area and chased local through a nearby forest***

#### **Top People Reaction:**

They all got what they deserved.

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I hate people that are cruel to any animal.

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