

## Javanese villagers are enraged by hunters of elflike creatures

JAKARTA, Indonesia (UPI) — Hundreds of mystics and parapsychology buffs descended on a sleepy Javanese village in search of invisible, elflike creatures known as *tuyuls*, but were turned away by angry villagers.

Stories in Jakarta newspapers said the *tour de tuyul* was organized by the Universal Parapsychology Foundation.

The Indonesia Times described *tuyuls* as "spiritual beings having the form of a naked child with clean-shaven head, big eyes and red skin."

Budiman Amien, chairman of the

foundations branch in Semarang, central Java, said he hoped to "communicate with the spirits" living in an old banyan tree in the central Javanese village of Bero Pacadang, 252 miles southeast of Jakarta.

But when hundreds of cars, buses and wagons filled with *tuyul*-hunters and a Japanese TV crew tried to enter Bero Pacadang, angry police and villagers blocked all the roads, the daily Kompas reported.

"There are no *tuyuls* here. All of you should go away," a policeman was quoted as saying.

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