

Drug offences: 20 charged

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KOTA KINABALU: Twenty people were charged in court with committing drug-related offences. Eleven of them - Jakel John, Halipudin Arapa, Hanif Usin, Amin Otok, Christopher Yong, Felix Foo, Boyle Apat, Raimeh Idang, Mohamad Rasidan, Alzoin Akexander and Jupri Irwan were accused of having syabu at separate locations here and in Penampang recently. They were charged under Section 12 (2) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952 which provides for a fine of up to RM100,000 or up to five years jail or both, on conviction. Another nine people including Jakel, Amin, Alzoin and Raimeh were also accused of taking drugs, an offence under Section 15(1) of the Dangerous Drugs Act provides for a fine of up to RM5,000 or up to two years jail, on conviction. However, no plea was recorded before Court Registrar Rita Kunso, after the charges were read out to them, respectively. The prosecution applied for another mention date while waiting for the chemist's reports. The court set Aug 3, 7 and 14 for e-review of the cases pending the chemist's reports. Five of the accused, including Amin, were ordered to be remanded further while the rest were released on bail of between RM1,000 and RM1,500 deposited in two sureties. Inspector Suzie @ Stephanie Kupit prosecuted.