

Rape of niece charge lands man 11 years in jail, 4 strokes

SIBU: A welder was sentenced to 11 years in prison and four strokes of the cane by the Sessions Court here yesterday for raping his niece, which resulted in her becoming pregnant.

Judge Musyiri Peet handed down the sentence after the accused, aged 46, pleaded guilty.

The judge also ordered that the prison term begin from the date of conviction.

The accused was charged with

raping his 19-year-old niece at a house in Lorong Paytung 3 in May this year, between 8pm and 1am.

The charge was under Section 376B of the Penal Code, which carries a punishment of imprisonment for not less than 10 years and not more than 30 years, along with whipping.

According to the facts of the case, on Oct 24 this year, at around 1am, the victim's father was informed by the hospital

that his daughter was six months pregnant.

He then questioned the girl, who admitted that she had been forced to have sexual intercourse several times without her consent with her uncle.

The accused was subsequently arrested on the same day, at around 8pm. In his plea for leniency, the accused requested a prison sentence not exceeding 10 years, adding that he wished to

take responsibility for the victim and the child to be born.

Deputy Public Prosecutor Cynthia Emmelda Jerry, however, urged the court to impose an appropriate sentence on the accused, noting that the victim in this case was his own niece.

"This vile act not only affected the victim, but also her family, especially in view of the accused being her uncle," she said.