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Man jailed 5 years, ordered caned for having machete in public

SIBU: The Sessions Court here yesterday sentenced a man to five years' jail and one stroke of the cane for possessing a machete in a public place.

Judge Musyiri Peet meted out the sentence after Muhammad Adi Chendang, 40, pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 6(1) of the Corrosive and Explosive Substances and Offensive Weapons Act 1958.

The Section provides for between five and 10 years' imprisonment and whipping, upon conviction.

Muhammad Adi committed the offence in front of a house on Jalan Punai at about 1am on Nov 1, 2026.

Based on the facts of the case, police personnel were conducting a crime prevention patrol when they received a call about a man behaving aggressively while holding a machete along Jalan Punai.

Upon arriving at the scene, they found a man—later identified as the accused—holding a machete in front of a house and placed him under arrest.

Investigations found that the accused was drunk at the time and had been involved in a minor misunderstanding with his elder brother.

He had grabbed the machete from his room with the intention of scaring his brother, but came back outside the house to discover the latter had already left.

The prosecution was conducted by deputy public prosecutor Chrissie Ngiron Mijun, while the accused was unrepresented.