



The accused is led away after sentencing. – Photo by Mohd Faisal Ahmad

Man jailed 13 years, ordered whipped for raping minor



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KUCHING: A man who entered the bedroom of a 12-year-old girl through the window before raping her was sentenced by the Sessions Court here yesterday to 13 years' jail and five strokes of the cane.

Judge Iris Awen Jon convicted Mohamad Najib Shamsudin, 21, on his own guilty plea to a charge under Section 376(2)(d) of the Penal Code, which provides for imprisonment of between 10 and 30 years and whipping.

The offence was committed at a house on Jalan Bako here at around 1am on Aug 31, 2026.

Based on the facts of the case, the girl's sister inspected the victim's room and, feeling

suspicious, pulled her blanket to discover a man known as Najib beside the victim.

Mohamad Najib was arrested after the sister filed a police report.

Investigations found that the accused entered the victim's bedroom through a window and raped her.

He also remained in the room until he was discovered by the victim's sister at 9am.

Deputy public prosecutor Chuah Kai Sheng urged the court to impose a heavy sentence, arguing that it was not merely intended to punish the accused but also to serve as a lesson and reminder to the public.

"Rape is a very serious offence and has a significant impact on the victim. The prosecution also urges the court to take note of the number of rape cases recorded throughout 2025, which stood at 2,074 cases—a very worrying figure," he said.