

# Five-year jail, caning imposed on drug-abuser currently serving prison time

**KUCHING:** A self-employed man with multiple prior convictions for dangerous drug abuse was sentenced to five years and two months in prison, and to be given a stroke of the cane, by the Sessions Court here yesterday.

Judge Iris Awen Jon, in delivering the sentence, also ordered the accused, Mohamad Najib Saini, 30, to undergo police supervision for two years upon completing his prison term.

The accused pleaded guilty when charged under Section 15(1)(a) of the Dangerous Drugs Act (ADB) 1952 and sentenced under Section 39C(1)(b) of the same Act, which carries a minimum sentence of five years and a maximum of seven years' imprisonment, along with a maximum of three strokes of the cane, upon conviction.

According to the charge, he was accused of using dangerous drugs, namely amphetamine and methamphetamine, and had two previous convictions under Section 15(1)(a) of the ADB 1952, dated October and December 2023, respectively.

He is found to have committed the offence at 2.45pm on Feb 19 this year at the Narcotics Crime Investigation Department office of the Kuching District police headquarters.

Prior to sentencing, the accused pleaded for a lenient sentence and requested it run concurrently with the prison term that he was currently serving.

Deputy Public Prosecutor



The accused being escorted by a Prisons sergeant out of the Sessions Court.

Mohamad Aiman Mutallib Mohamad Shariff urged the court to impose an appropriate sentence, and informed that the accused was currently serving a one-year jail term, following a conviction April 17 this year

under Section 6(2)(d) of the Drug Dependents (Treatment and Rehabilitation) Act 1983. The court ordered that the new prison sentence should commence yesterday (Aug 1).

The accused was unrepresented by legal counsel.