



Police personnel prepare to transport the two accused back to Puncak Borneo Prison at the end of the proceeding.

## Duo charged in Serian with murder of friend at workers' quarters

**KUCHING:** Two friends were charged at the Serian Magistrates' Court yesterday with the murder of a male acquaintance last month.

Alexson Juli Robinson, 25, and Tan Poh Cheng, 30, nodded to indicate that they understood the charge when it was read to them before Magistrate Syarifah Fatimah Azura Wan Ali.

However, no plea was recorded as murder fall under the jurisdiction of the High Court.

The court scheduled Aug 7 for the next mention of the case pending a post-mortem report, and ordered both accused to be further remanded at Puncak Borneo Prison.

Alexson and Tan were charged under Section 302 of the Penal Code read together with Section 34 of the same Code, which upon conviction provides for the death penalty or imprisonment for between 30 and 40 years, and not less than 12 strokes of the cane if not sentenced to death.

They allegedly caused the death of Kelvin Ronald Empin, 24, at a workers' quarters in Mile 52, Kampung Sungai Engkabang B, Jalan Sri Aman-Kuching at around 5.30pm on June 22.

Deputy public prosecutor Chuah Kai Sheng appeared for the prosecution, while both accused were not represented by counsel.