



Zuhairi (second left) and Muhd Faizzatul are escorted from the courtroom after proceedings.

Saradise armed robbers get 13 years' jail, three lashes

KUCHING: The Sessions Court here sentenced two men to 13 years' imprisonment and three strokes of the cane after they were found guilty of armed gang robbery in Saradise last year.

Judge Iris Awen Jon handed down the sentence after ruling that the prosecution had proven its case beyond a reasonable doubt at the close of the defence's case.

The court ordered the men's jail term to run from the date of remand on Feb 6, 2025.

Zuhairi Mohd Zainal, 29, and Muhd Faizzatul Ikmal Hasbi, 31, were convicted under Section 395 of the Penal Code read together with Section 397 of the same Code.

According to the amended charge, the two men, acting together, robbed a 31-year-old man at around 3.30am by the roadside in front of a clinic in Saradise here on Jan 17, 2025.

During the robbery, one of the men was armed with a knife.

The victim was robbed of RM1,500 and other important belongings.

He had been walking from a 24-hour convenience store towards a food court when the two men approached him on a black motorcycle.

One of the men pointed a knife at the victim while demanding his bag, causing the victim to surrender it out of fear for his safety.

The pair then fled the scene.

Police later arrested the men and recovered several items believed to be linked to the offence, including a motorcycle, clothing, a motorcycle helmet, a raincoat and a motorcycle key.

The investigation found both men admitting they had planned the robbery to obtain money to pay debts, purchase motorcycle equipment, and meet personal expenses, with one admitting to using the knife during the incident.

The prosecution was handled by deputy public prosecutor Chuah Kai Sheng, while the accused did not have legal representation.

Three prosecution witnesses and three defence witnesses were called during the trial.