

Man jailed extra 3 months after failing to pay RM10,000 fine for drunk-driving

SIBU: A man was sentenced to one day in jail and fined RM10,000 in default three months' jail after pleading guilty at the Magistrates' Court here to driving under the influence of alcohol.

Magistrate Oon Kork Chern imposed the sentence on Thomas Jabu, 48, under Section 45A(1) of the Road Transport Act 1987, and also ordered for his driving licence to be suspended for a period of two years.

Thomas failed to pay the fine.

According to the charge, the accused was driving a vehicle when he was stopped by traffic policemen along Jalan Tuanku

Osman here at around 11.10pm on Dec 5, 2025 on suspicion of being under the influence of alcohol.

A breathalyser test administered on the spot showed a positive result with a reading of 334mg per 100ml.

A further test conducted at the Sibü Traffic Police Station recorded his blood alcohol level at 204mg per 100ml, more than four times the permitted limit of 50mg per 100ml.

The prosecution was conducted by deputy public prosecutor Keshava Rao Tharma Raja, while the accused was unrepresented by counsel.