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Death threat, immigration breach land Indonesian man behind bars

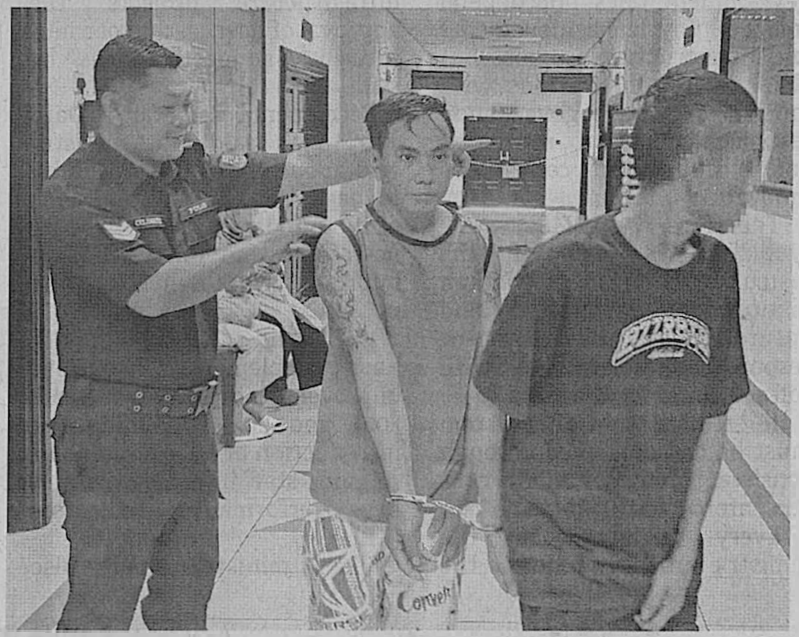
KUCHING: An Indonesian man was sentenced to a total of 10 months in prison after pleading guilty to threatening to kill his Malaysian ex-wife and being found in this country without a valid pass.

Magistrate Nureina Syafika Mohd Najib sentenced Yohanes Agum, 50, to six-month imprisonment under Section 506 of the Penal Code for criminal intimidation, which carries a maximum sentence of seven years' imprisonment, a fine, or both.

Sessions Court Judge Mursyida Abd Halim subsequently sentenced him to four-month imprisonment and two strokes of the cane under Section 6(1)(c) of the Immigration Act 1959/63, punishable under Section 6(3) of the same Act, for entering the country without a valid pass.

Mursyida also ordered Yohanes to be referred to the Immigration Department after serving his sentence.

The court found that Yohanes had criminally intimidated the victim on Sept 16 at about 10.30am at a house in Kampung Segedup, Batu Kawa here.



Yohanes (centre) being led away after proceedings.

He was also found to have entered the country without a valid pass on Nov 2 at 8.10pm at the same location.

According to the facts of the case, the complainant, who is Yohanes' ex-wife, had an argument with him on Sept 16 over her intention to retrieve her belongings from the house.

During the argument in the kitchen, Yohanes threatened to kill her if she took her belongings, which included a washing machine, refrigerator, freezer and television.

On Nov 2, the complainant, accompanied by police, went to the house to retrieve her belongings.

Police then asked Yohanes to produce his identification documents for inspection and verification.

However, he failed to produce any valid documents.

He was subsequently arrested on suspicion of being in Malaysia without valid travel documents or a pass.

Investigations revealed that Yohanes had entered Malaysia through an illegal route in the Lubok Antu area of Sarawak without undergoing immigration checks.

Checks and verification by the Malaysian Immigration Department also found that he had no record of entering or leaving Malaysia.

Police also found that he had criminally intimidated the complainant.

Deputy Public Prosecutor Muhammad Aidil Akmal Sharidan and Muhammad Afiq Safly Nor Kazly appeared separately for the prosecution, while Yohanes was unrepresented by any counsel.