

Trio jailed for armed riot, two co-accused claim trial



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SIBU: Three men were each sentenced to 10-month imprisonment and fined RM2,000 in default two-month jail by the Magistrates' Court here yesterday for rioting while armed with weapons.

Magistrate Oon Kork Chern imposed the sentence after Norazam Azzim Junaidi, 36, Sharul Ariffin Ali, 21, and Muhammad Syahrom Mohd Syafiq, 29, pleaded guilty to a joint charge under

Section 148 of the Penal Code.

The Section provides for up to five years' imprisonment or a fine, or both, upon conviction.

They committed the offence at Dataran Tun Tuanku Haji Bujang Fasa 2, Jalan Lau King Howe here at about 10.15pm on Aug 8 this year.

Two other co-accused, Abdul Aziz Abu Bakar, 21, and Muhammad Mustapha Hamden, 36, claimed trial to the charge.

The court granted them bail of RM5,000 each in security through e-Jamin with two local sureties with a monthly income of at least RM2,000.

They were also ordered to report to investigating officer

Insp Adib Azizi Rosli on the first day of every month from Sept 1 until disposal of the case.

The court fixed Oct 1 for pre-trial case management.

Based on the facts of the case, the 32-year-old complainant was with Abdul Aziz and Muhammad Mustapha in a black four-wheel-drive vehicle at the open area of Dataran Fasa 2 when their vehicle was stopped by a group of unidentified men.

Abdul Aziz and Muhammad Mustapha exited the vehicle to ask the group why they had stopped them, while the complainant remained inside.

The complainant then witnessed both men being assaulted with

hard objects, believed to be a long wooden stick and a motorcycle helmet.

After the group left, the complainant found Muhammad Mustapha injured and bleeding from his elbow and head.

He was then taken to Sibul Hospital for treatment.

Police arrested eight suspects, including the five accused, at separate locations based on witness statements and closed-circuit television (CCTV) footage analysis.

An identification parade was also conducted.

ASP Sokolinkam Changan prosecuted the case, while all five accused were unrepresented.



Two of the accused led away after the proceedings.