



Policemen escort the accused after the proceedings. — Police photo

Man gets 6 years, 2 lashes for attempted parang attack at petrol station

BINTULU: The Sessions Court here on Tuesday sentenced a man who attempted to assault another man with a parang at a petrol station here to six years' jail and two strokes of the cane.

Judge Leo Saga convicted the unrepresented 24-year-old on one charge under Section 506 of the Penal Code for criminal intimidation and another under Section 6(1) of the Corrosive and Explosive Substances and Offensive Weapons Act 1958 for carrying offensive weapons in public places.

"The accused pleaded guilty to both charges and was handed a sentence of six years' imprisonment and two strokes of the cane," Bintulu police chief Supt Nixon Joshua Ali said in a statement.

Section 506 of the Penal Code

provides for a prison sentence of up to seven years upon conviction, while an offence under Section 6(1) of the Corrosive and Explosive Substances and Offensive Weapons Act 1958 carries a mandatory jail term of not less than five years as well as caning.

The June 29 incident attracted widespread attention after a social media video of the attack went viral on July 3.

Nixon said Bintulu police would continue to take firm and uncompromising action against those involved in criminal activities to ensure the safety and security of the public.

He also urged members of the public to report any criminal activities to the Bintulu District Police Headquarters operations room on 086-318304.