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The accused being escorted by police at the court.

Jobless man gets eight-year jail, caning for assaulting dad

KUCHING: An unemployed man was sentenced to eight years in jail and 10 strokes of the cane by the Sessions Court here yesterday, over an assault charge.

Judge Zuraidah Zakaria meted out the sentence on Mohamad Khairul Azain, 23, after he pleaded guilty to Section 324 of the Penal Code read together with Section 326 of the same Code.

The provision carries a maximum penalty of 10-year imprisonment, a fine, or whipping upon conviction.

The offence was committed against his 51-year-old father at a house in Jalan Pending here, at around 11pm on Sept 7 this year.

Based on the facts of the case,

Mohamad Khairul assaulted his father by hitting the latter on the face and right leg with an iron rod until he lost consciousness.

Investigations indicated that the accused reacted violently when his father questioned him about his belongings that he had sold.

A police report was lodged, leading to the arrest made on Sept 9.

It is further disclosed that Mohamad Khairul has prior criminal records involving assault and criminal intimidation.

Deputy public prosecutors were Mohamad Aiman Mutallib Mohamad Shariff, while the accused was unrepresented.