

RM1,000 fine for man who threatened neighbour with machete

SIBU: A man was fined RM1,000 in default one month in prison by the Magistrates' Court here yesterday for threatening his neighbour with a machete.

Magistrate Romario Jonoj imposed the fine after Pau Kiat Lee, 42, from Jalan Alan here pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 351 of the Penal Code, punishable under Section 352 of the same Code.

Pau committed the offence on April 30 at about 8am at the compound of a house on Jalan Alan here.

According to the facts of the case, the complainant was about

to leave for work when he noticed a broken egg on his vehicle and suspected his neighbour—the accused—was responsible.

Pau then appeared and began reproaching the complainant using abusive language.

He subsequently threatened the complainant by raising a machete from within his locked house compound while uttering vulgar words in Chinese.

Pau was arrested that same day after the complainant filed a police report.

He initially refused to cooperate, prompting police to scale the fence of his house

compound after which he emerged and was detained.

A machete was also seized as evidence.

Pau, who was represented by counsel Henry Ting, paid the fine.

Separately in the same courtroom, Magistrate Romario sentenced a 30-year-old man to one month in a jail after he pleaded guilty to assaulting his wife.

The unrepresented accused was charged under Section 321 of the Penal Code with voluntarily causing hurt to his 26-year-old wife at their house on Jalan

Sentosa here at about 8.30pm on April 28, 2026.

According to the facts of the case, the incident occurred when the accused was reprimanded by his wife for disciplining their young child in a harsh manner.

Dissatisfied, the accused struck her on the face and right leg with his hands, resulting in swelling beneath her right eye and pain in her right leg.

Acting on a report lodged, police detained the accused at the couple's house at about 4.35pm the next day.

Both cases were prosecuted by ASP Sokolinkam Changgan.