

Lorry driver charged with murder following death of assault victim



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SIBU: A lorry driver was charged at the Magistrates' Court here yesterday with murder in connection with the death of a 53-year-old man last week.

No plea was recorded from the accused, 47, as murder cases fall under the jurisdiction of the High Court.

The charge was framed under Section 302 of the Penal Code,

which carries the death penalty or imprisonment of between 30 and 40 years and not less than 12 strokes of the cane, upon conviction.

The accused allegedly caused the death of Jimmy Hii, 53, at the compound of a transportation company warehouse on Jalan Ding Lik Kong here at about 8.10am on May 7.

Magistrate Oon Kork Chern fixed July 3, 2026 for further mention of the case and denied bail for the accused.

Deputy public prosecutor Keshava Rao Tharma Raja appeared for the prosecution,

while the accused was represented by counsel Farland Tiong.

Previously, Sibu police chief ACP Azari Miskon in a statement said the case was initially investigated under Section 326 of the Penal Code for voluntarily causing grievous hurt.

However, it was reclassified as murder after the comatose victim passed away at Sibu Hospital.

He said based on initial investigations, the suspect had allegedly struck the victim on the head using a piece of wood during a fight.



Police personnel escort the accused (second left) after the proceedings.