

Samurai sword possession lands man six years behind bars

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KUCHING: The Sessions Court here yesterday sentenced a man to six years in prison for possessing a samurai sword in public last year.

Judge Noorhisham Mohd Jaafar convicted Don Hirooshee Philip, 32, on his own guilty plea and ordered his imprisonment to take effect from the date of arrest on Feb 14 last year.

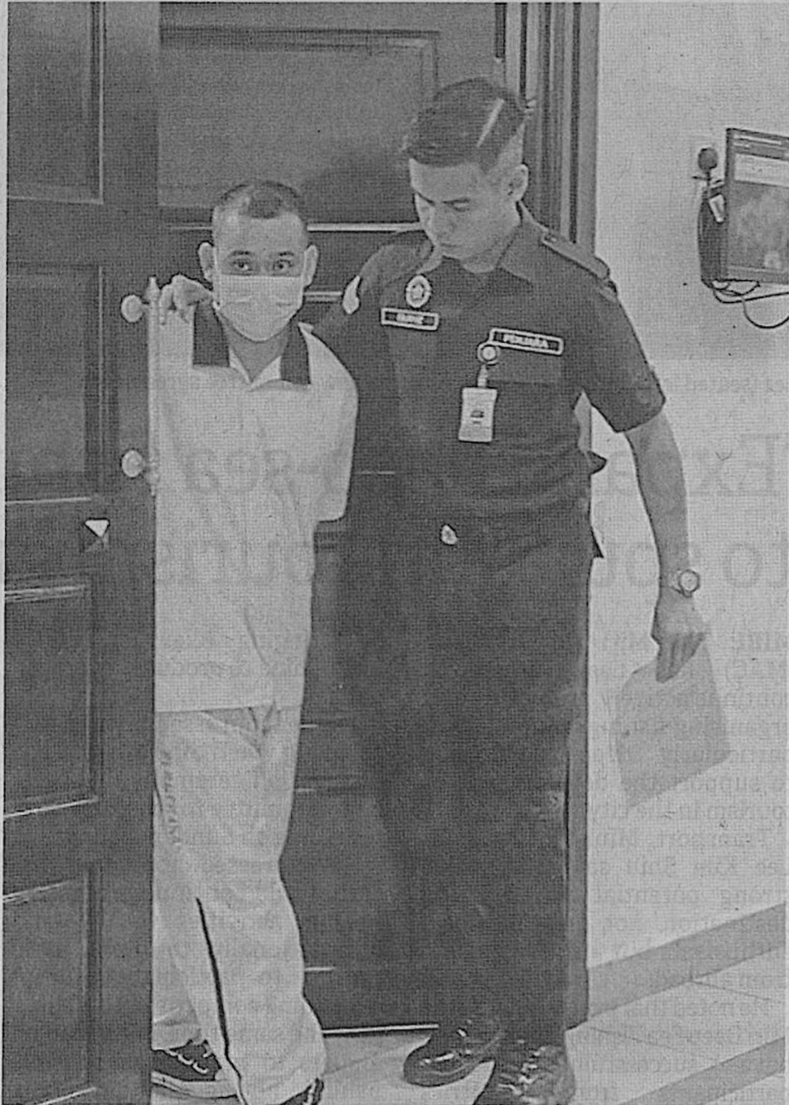
Don was charged under Section 7(1) of the Corrosive and Explosive Substances and Offensive Weapons Act 1958, which carries between five years and 10 years' imprisonment, upon conviction.

The facts of the case stated that a police team conducting crime prevention patrols stopped a car driven by the accused in front of a food outlet along Jalan Tun Jugah here at about 1.30am on Feb 14, 2025.

An inspection of the vehicle found a samurai sword hidden at the side of the driver's seat, leading to Don's arrest.

In mitigation, the unrepresented accused pleaded to the court for a minimum sentence, saying he had a family to support.

However, deputy public prosecutor Adriana Maisarah Mohd Farid urged for a deterrent sentence, citing the nature and seriousness of the offence.



Don is led away after sentencing.