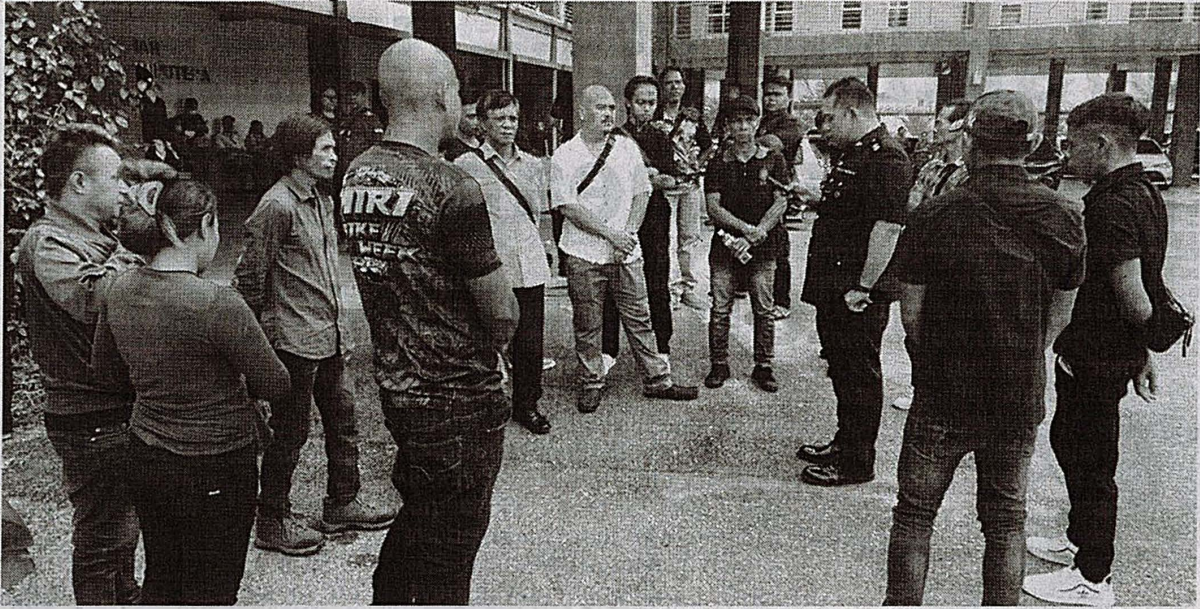




All the accused seen outside the Serian Magistrates' Court.

Serian men fined RM7,500 for rioting, smashing rear windscreen of senior citizen's car

KUCHING: Two men were fined a total of RM7,500 each in default a total of 20 months in prison for smashing the rear windscreen of a car belonging to a senior citizen they accused of stealing oil palm fresh fruit bunches (FFB), before taking part in a subsequent riot.

Amri Nitap, 23, and Landy James, 35, pleaded guilty before Magistrate Nursyaheeqa Nazwa Radzali in the Serian Magistrates' Court to two charges under the Penal Code.

They were each fined RM4,000, in default eight-month imprisonment, under Section 427 of the Penal Code for committing mischief and thereby causing damage; and RM3,500 in default 12-month imprisonment under Section 148 of the same Code for possessing weapons at riot.

The offences were committed near the junction of Kampung Resak, Serian at 10.33pm on Aug 28.

According to the facts of the case, a female complainant received information about the riot through a MERS 999 (Malaysia Emergency Response Services 999) call while she was on duty at the Serian operations room.

She then lodged a police report.

Acting on the information, police went to the scene and arrested the individuals involved, including Amry and Landy, as well as seized a sedan and a pickup truck.

Investigations found that the duo had damaged the rear windscreen of a yellow sedan belonging to a 72-year-old man by kicking it, causing an estimated loss of RM4,361.

The men were also found to have gathered unlawfully with 12 other individuals and rioted at the village junction on a public road, using two stones as

weapons, which were also seized.

The 12 others were each fined RM3,500 in default 12-month imprisonment, after pleading guilty to an offence under Section 148 of the Penal Code.

They comprised 10 men: Morientes Angit, 23; Musa Nitap, 26; Milton Donny Ruose, 28; Stanley Zainal, 30; Luke Juweng Tuyang, 31; Roy Silon, 34; Pisi Gambar, 47; Chari Masigan, 54; Noyet Nyangai, 56; and Ranand Nyangai, 58 – as well as two women: Devy Silon, 35, and Dianati Silon, 38.

It is understood that the riot occurred after an allegation was made accusing the victim of stealing oil palm FFB from them.

Deputy public prosecutor Muhammad Aidil Akmal Sharidan appeared for the prosecution, while all accused did not have legal representation.

The investigation was led by Insp Victor Buckand Dusim Oh.