

# Bombed fish: Two Filipinos jailed 12 months, fined RM2k

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Two Filipinos were jailed 12 months and fined RM2,000 or spend two months in prison each for having bombed fish. Sessions Court Judge Amir Shah Amir Hassan meted out the sentence to Mawali Jirin, 44, and Jimboy Mawalik, 29, who pleaded guilty separately to the charge read in Bajau Suluk language against them. Mawali and Jimboy were found having the eight fish caught using explosives at 9.45am on July 11 this year inside a boat at the Serusop waters in Tuaran. The offence under Section 26(1)(c) of the Fisheries Act 1985 and punishable under Section 25(a) of the same Act and read together with Section 34 of the Penal Code, provides for a fine of up to RM20,000, or a jail term of up to two years, or both, on conviction. The court ordered the duo to serve the jail sentence from the date of their arrest and referred to the Immigration Department after completing their jail sentence. Prosecuting Officer William Apin from the Fishery Department appeared for the prosecution.

Meanwhile, a 32-year- old man was jailed eight years and ordered whipped three strokes of the cane for taking syabu repeatedly. Masmah Anton was found taking the drug on Feb 20 this year after his urine was tested positive for drug at the Tuaran police station. He has four conviction records for taking drugs. After serving the jail sentence, the court ordered Masmah to be placed under police supervision for three years.