

Father jailed 20 years, caned for sexually assaulting teen daughter

KUCHING: A man was sentenced to 20 years in prison and 16 strokes of the cane by the Sessions Court here yesterday for raping and sexually assaulting his 14-year-old daughter.

Judge Musli Ab Hamid convicted the 35-year-old accused on his guilty plea to two charges, one under Section 376B(1) of the Penal Code read together with Section 16(1) of the Sexual Offences Against Children Act (Soaca) 2017, and the other under Section 14(a) of Soaca 2017 read together with Section 16(1) of the same Act.

For each charge, the unrepresented accused was

sentenced to 18 years' jail and six strokes of the cane, with an additional two years' imprisonment and two strokes of the cane imposed under Section 16(1) of Soaca 2017.

The court ordered the sentences to run concurrently from yesterday.

Additionally, the accused was ordered to undergo counselling while serving his sentence, followed by two years of police supervision upon his release from prison.

The offences were committed at about 11pm on Aug 12, 2026 in the living room of the family home in a village in

Serian.

Based on the facts of the case, the accused removed the victim's pants while she was sleeping on a mattress in the living room and proceeded to rape her.

During the incident, he also committed physical sexual assault against the victim by kissing her lips and face.

The victim later contacted her mother and informed her about the incident.

Following this, the victim and her mother went to the Serian police station to file a report, which led to the arrest of the accused on Aug 16.