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The Section provides for up to two years in prison or a fine not exceeding RM10,000, or both, upon conviction.

They committed the offence along Jalan Tawi Sli here at around 1.55pm on Oct 30.

According to the facts of

the case, two police patrolmen on a crime prevention round encountered a Perodua Kancil with the three accused inside.

When police activated their beacon lights and ordered them to stop for inspection, the car sped off along Jalan Penrissen before crashing into a pickup truck.

One of the accused was arrested at the scene while the other two managed to flee, before being detained separately the following day.

It was understood the trio had fled as they were allegedly in possession of illegal substances in their vehicle.

Deputy public prosecutor Chuah Kai Sheng handled the prosecution, while the accused were unrepresented.

Premier: S'wak aligns economic strategy with global trends

KUCHING: Sarawak's transformation into a forward-looking and innovation-driven economy has positioned the state as a leader in renewable energy, digitalisation, and advanced manufacturing, said Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Abang Johari Tun Openg.

The Premier said as the world moves rapidly towards digitalisation and environmental sustainability, Sarawak has adapted and aligned its economic strategy with global trends through innovation and the adoption of new technologies.

"We are leveraging our strengths from renewable energy and digital innovation to natural resources and a skilled workforce to position Sarawak as a regional leader in clean industries, advanced technology, and modern manufacturing.

"When the time comes, Sarawak will become a regional powerhouse, not only within Malaysia but also in Southeast Asia and beyond," he said in a Sarawak Public Communications Unit report.

His speech was read by Deputy Premier Datuk Amar Dr Sim Kui Hian at the Sarawak Manufacturers Association (SMA) 2025 dinner and awards ceremony here on Sunday.

Abang Johari also said



Dr Sim (third right) shares a light moment with Chai (second right) during the cutting of the anniversary cake, joined by Malcolm (fourth left), Dzulkornain (right), and other guests.

the state's journey towards sustainable progress would not be possible without the support and participation of industry players such as manufacturers, producers, and entrepreneurs.

"Your efforts to adopt modern technology, improve productivity, and expand into global markets will be key in driving Sarawak's

growth and securing its place in the international economy," he said.

He added the Sarawak government remains steadfast in supporting industrial growth through sound policies, infrastructure investment, and a business environment that encourages innovation and

collaboration.

Among those present were Deputy Minister of International Trade, Industry and Investment Datuk Malcolm Mussen Lamoh, the ministry's permanent secretary Dzulkornain Masron, as well as SMA president Peter Chai Mui Seng and secretary-general Stephen Ang Teck Chai.

S'wak Regatta: Landas teams triumph in inaugural YPS Piala Perpaduan

KUCHING: Landas Azam Kasihnya Warisan 7 emerged triumphant in the YPS Piala Perpaduan category of the Sarawak Regatta 2025 on Sunday, paddling their way to victory and taking home a cash prize of



regatta's meaningful theme, which echoes its mission of nurturing unity, peace and mutual respect among Sarawakians.

The foundation also extended heartfelt thanks to its deputy chairman Datuk

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User adoption big part of progress for city's new smart parking system

KUCHING: Yesterday marked the transformation of the city's parking mechanism, from paper coupons to a smart online system.

Under this transition, the local users are still learning.

Nahum Lou, a 29-year-old aircraft maintenance technician, highlighted the environmental and administrative benefits.

"It's a good initiative, moving away from paper coupons as it saves paper and trees.

"Digital payment allows easier traceability and transparency during revenue audit," he told The Borneo Post here.

Nahum also suggested that the data collected from the digital system to be used in assisting the city councils in their urban planning.

"Based on the data collected, this allows the MBKS (Kuching South City Council) and DBKU (Kuching North City Commission)

be inconvenient because there is a possibility that we exceed the amount of time, causing the tickets to be compounded."

Another resident, Kenneth John, was positive about the new smart parking system, although he had yet to use it.

"The changes on the new smart parking system appear to be positive on the long-term benefits, especially in moving away from the old paper coupon system.

"I read that there's the 'Pay-Per-Use' and refund features.

"The 'Smart Return of Unutilised Digital Coupon' feature is highly beneficial as users can stop their parking session and receive a refund for unused time, ensuring that they only pay for what they use," he said.

Meanwhile, Lay, in his support for the new mechanism, also expressed hope that the local