

# Contractor charged with trafficking drugs

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**KOTA KINABALU:** A 34-year-old contractor was charged at the Magistrate's Court here Friday with three counts of drugs-related offences including trafficking 9,259.59gm of Cannabis. However, no plea was recorded from Chong Chee Fat, who was brought before Court Registrar Rita Kunsoi, after the charges were read out to him. Chong was tentatively charged with trafficking 9,259.59gm of Cannabis at 6pm on Oct 14 this year in a bedroom of B-03A-01 unit, at the Gardens condominium, Taman Farmosa in Penampang.

The charge, under Section 39B(1)(a) of the Dangerous Drugs Act (DDA) 1952, carries a punishment of either the death penalty or life in prison and whipping with a minimum of 15 strokes. On the second count, Chong was accused of having 21.70gm of 3,4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA) at the same place and same time. The charge is framed under Section 12(2) of the DDA and punishable under Section 39A(1) of the DDA which carries a jail term of between two years and five years and whipping between three and nine strokes on conviction.

On the third count, Chong allegedly took drugs on Oct 15 here as framed under Section 15(1) of the Dangerous Drug Act. Rita set Nov 24 and Dec 7 for mention of the cases pending the chemist's reports and ordered Chong to be remanded further. Inspector Suzie @ Stephanie Kupit prosecuted.