

Man fined for injuring, threatening health officers during anti-smoking ops

KUCHING: A man was fined a total of RM11,000 in default 11 months' jail for injuring two Health Department personnel and threatening their colleague for issuing him with a compound for smoking at an eatery.

Bolhassan Karim, 56, pleaded guilty in separate Magistrates' Court yesterday to two charges of voluntarily causing hurt to public servants while they were lawfully discharging their duties, framed under Section 332 of the Penal Code.

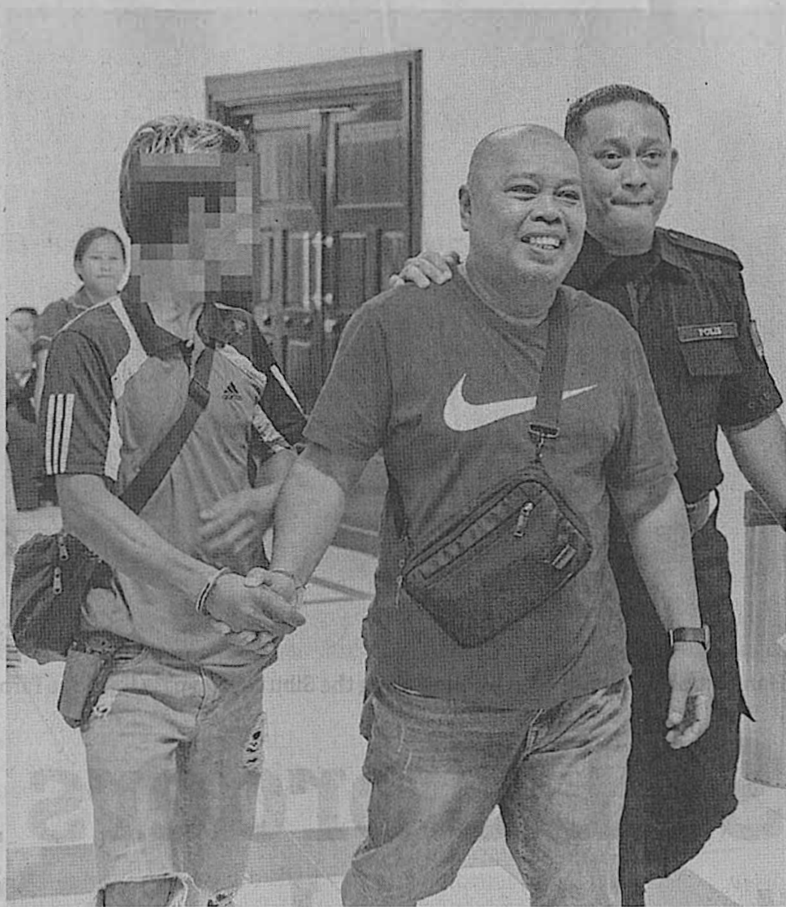
Magistrate Nur Syaheeqa Nazwa Radzali fined the accused RM2,000 in default two months' imprisonment, while Magistrate Ling Hui Chuan imposed a fine of RM5,000 in default three months in jail.

The unrepresented accused also pleaded guilty to a charge of criminal intimidation under Section 506 of the Penal Code, with Magistrate Leona Dominic Mojiliu fining him RM4,000 in default six months' imprisonment.

Based on the facts of the case, on Aug 31, 2026 at about 9.35am, the complainant – a 42-year-old assistant health officer – and his colleagues had stopped at an eatery along Jalan Satok to carry out enforcement relating to the ban of smoking in gazetted areas.

During the operation, the complainant issued a compound to Bolhassan after he was found smoking in a prohibited area.

The accused was then instructed to cooperate and sign the compound notice, but he suddenly attacked two officers, striking one on the right shoulder



Bolhassan (centre) is escorted by police at the court complex. — Photo by Mohd Faisal Ahmad

and the other on the forehead.

During the incident, Bolhassan also threatened the complainant, saying that he would look for him outside the premises, causing him to feel afraid and alarmed.

Following the incident, police arrested the accused at about 4.20pm the same day at a house in Petra Jaya.

An initial medical examination

found that one officer suffered a soft tissue injury to the right shoulder, while another sustained a soft tissue injury to the centre of the forehead.

Deputy public prosecutors Muhammad Afiq Safly Nor Kazly and Muhammad Aidil Akmal Sharidan, as well as Insp Siti Radhiah Abdul Rahman handled the prosecution separately.