

## **Trio in viral Jln Rubber brawl fined RM2,000, two others to know fate on May 15**

**KUCHING:** Two stepbrothers and a trader were each fined RM2,000 in default two months in jail by the Magistrates' Court here yesterday for their involvement in last week's viral brawl at Jalan Rubber in Satok.

Magistrate Mason Jaro Lenya Barayan convicted stepsiblings Luqman Hakim Iskandar, 26, and Irwan Shek Madarsah, 35, and trader Nik Daniel Ramlee, 21, on their own guilty plea to a charge of possessing weapons at a riot, framed under Section 148 of the Penal Code read together with Section 34 of the same Code.

The Section provides for up to five years' imprisonment or a fine or both upon conviction.

According to the charge, the accused acted together in a riot during which they were in possession of a broomstick, which could be used as a weapon.

The offence was committed in front of a shop between 11pm and 11.30pm on March 18, 2025.

The case facts revealed that a 53-second video of the incident had gone viral on Facebook, showing a group of men engaged in a brawl outside the shop.

Following this, the police arrested five persons and seized a broomstick as evidence.

It is understood that the altercation stemmed from a misunderstanding allegedly caused by loud engine and exhaust noises.

Meanwhile, two siblings aged 17 and 20 also pleaded guilty to the same charge, with the court fixing May 15 to hear their social report before passing sentence.

All five accused were unrepresented by legal counsel.