

Two jailed, ordered caned for sex offences against 12-year-old girl



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SIBU: The Sessions Court here yesterday sentenced two men to imprisonment and whipping after they pleaded guilty to separate sexual offence charges involving the same 12-year-old girl.

In the first case, Judge Musyiri Peet sentenced a 51-year-old man to 15 years' jail and four strokes of the cane for raping the victim, and ordered the imprisonment to run from the date of arrest on July 31.

The accused was charged under Section 376(3) of the Penal Code read together with Section 16(1) of the Sexual Offences Against Children Act (Soaca) 2017 with committing the offence inside a rented room in Kapit at

about 1pm on May 23, 2026.

According to the facts of the case, the victim's mother lodged a police report after learning of the incident.

Investigations revealed that after the victim had finished bathing, the accused pushed her onto a mattress, raped her, and threatened to beat her if she disclosed the incident to anyone.

The complainant later took the victim to Kapit Hospital for a medical examination before lodging the police report.

A medical examination at Kapit Hospital found that the victim had sustained a tear to her hymen.

In the second case, the same court sentenced a 32-year-old man to 12 years' imprisonment and two strokes of the cane for sexually assaulting the same girl.

He was charged under Section 14(a) of Soaca 2017 read together

with Section 16(1) of the same Act with touching the girl's breasts and buttocks at a rented room in Kapit at about 2pm on May 25, 2026.

According to the facts of the case, the victim informed her mother that the accused had sexually assaulted her after asking her to massage him at his house.

Acting on a report lodged, police arrested the accused on July 31.

Investigations revealed that the accused, who is the victim's granduncle, suddenly hugged her from behind before touching her breasts and buttocks with sexual intent.

The victim managed to escape from the house.

Deputy public prosecutor Cynthia Emmelda Jerry prosecuted both cases, while the two accused were unrepresented by counsel.