



Nen is led away to begin his imprisonment. — Photo by Hafizah Abdul Hamid

# Wife beater to spend next 12 months behind bars

**KUCHING:** The Magistrates' Court here yesterday sentenced a 56-year-old man to 12 months' imprisonment for slapping and kicking his wife after she failed to respond to his calls.

Magistrate Nursyaheeqa Nazwa Radzali convicted Nen Sani on his guilty plea to a charge under Section 323 of the Penal Code read together with Section 326A of the same Code.

Section 323 provides for imprisonment of up to one year or a fine of up to RM2,000, or both, upon conviction.

Section 326A stipulates that if the offence is committed against a spouse during a valid marriage, the offender may face up to double the maximum sentence

prescribed under the relevant Section.

Nen was charged with causing hurt to his 56-year-old wife at a rented house on Jalan Datuk Paduka Sitom, Kampung Muhibbah here at about 11am on Feb 14 this year.

He was arrested on Feb 28 following a police report filed by his wife.

Investigations revealed that the assault happened after the accused became angry when his wife, who was washing dishes in the kitchen, did not hear him calling for her.

A medical report confirmed she sustained fractures to two ribs, multiple bruises around the right eye area, and blisters on her

upper and lower limbs.

Meanwhile, in a separate proceeding before Magistrate Ling Hui Chuan, Nen was fined RM3,000 in default 10 months' jail for abusing drugs.

He was also ordered to undergo two years of supervision under the National Anti-Drug Agency.

The accused was tested positive for amphetamine and methamphetamine at the Kuching Narcotics Criminal Investigation Division office at about 3.45am on Jan 26, 2024.

Deputy public prosecutors Muhammad Afiq Safly Nor Kazly and Ahmad Fauzulutfi Suriani appeared separately for the prosecution, while Nen was unrepresented.