

Man fined for beating person accused of stealing cables

KUCHING: A man was fined RM1,700 in default three months' jail by the Magistrates' Court here yesterday for assaulting another man he accused of committing cable theft.

Magistrate Leona Dominic Mojiliu convicted Awang Abdul Karim Awang Ahmad, 42, on his guilty plea to a charge under Section 323 of the Penal

Code, which provides for up to one year in prison or a fine not exceeding RM2,000, or both.

The offence was committed at the Sarawak State Library area here at about 4pm on Aug 19, 2026.

Based on the facts of the case, Awang Abdul Karim approached the 40-year-old victim and forced

him to admit to stealing cables around the area.

The accused then used his hands to beat the victim, causing the latter to suffer pain to his head, arm and back.

Acting on a report filed by the victim, police arrested Awang Abdul Karim along Jalan Pustaka at about 3.30pm on Aug 22.