

Indonesian pleads guilty to outraging modesty charge, jailed 48 months

MIRI: An Indonesian man was sentenced yesterday to 48 months' jail and one stroke of the cane for outraging the modesty of a woman last year.

Magistrate Ashok Linggam meted out the sentence after Muksin, 51, pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 354 of the Penal Code, which provides for imprisonment of up to 10 years or a fine or whipping, or any two of such punishments, upon

conviction.

According to the facts of the case, the 36-year-old woman had sent her child to a school in Ulu Teru on the morning of Oct 23 when she boarded a pickup truck driven by the accused to return to her home at a plantation in the same area.

During the journey, the accused touched several parts of her body without consent, with the frightened victim unable to

stop him.

She later lodged a report at the Long Lama police station, leading to Muskin's arrest on Oct 28 at a workers' quarters in the same plantation area.

During mitigation, the accused pleaded for a lighter sentence, saying it was his first offence.

Deputy public prosecutor Mohammad Syafiq Samry prosecuted the case, while the accused was unrepresented.