

Teacher claims trial to 18 counts of sexually assaulting students

LIMBANG: A secondary school teacher here pleaded not guilty at the Sessions Court here yesterday to 18 charges of committing physical sexual assault against seven male students from the same school.

Limbang police chief Supt Parum Niot said the accused, in his 30s, entered the plea after the charges were read out to him before Judge Cindy Mc Juce Balitus.

"The 18 charges were framed under Section 14(a) of the Sexual Offences Against Children Act 2017 and Section 16 of the same Act.

"The court granted him bail of RM126,000 with two local sureties and fixed Sept 23 for case management," he said in a statement.

According to Parum, the accused was arrested and



Handout photo shows police officers with the accused at the court.

remanded for investigation after police received seven reports from the alleged victims on Aug 11.

He called on parents, guardians, schools, and the wider

community to remain vigilant about children's safety, and to promptly report any known or suspected cases of abuse or sexual offences against children to the police.