

Man who raped minor in Kuching gets seven-year jail, five strokes

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KUCHING: The Sessions Court here has sentenced a 31-year-old man to seven years in jail and five strokes of the rotan for raping a 15-year-old girl.

Judge Musli Ab Hamid imposed the sentence against the man after he pleaded guilty to Section 376(1) of the Penal Code.

The Section carries a jail term of up to 20 years and caning upon conviction.

The court also ordered the man to attend counselling sessions while serving his jail term and undergo supervision upon his release. According to the charge, he committed the offence in Batu Kawa at around 11pm in mid-February.

Based on the facts of the case, the incident came to light on Sept 28, when a medical officer attended to the 15-year-old victim, who was 26 weeks pregnant and unmarried.

A police report was lodged, which led to the man's arrest on Sept 30, in a rented room in Maong Bazaar.

Further investigations found the man and the victim were in a relationship.



A policeman escorts the man out of the courtroom after the proceedings.

A medical report also confirmed that the victim was 26 weeks pregnant and expected to give birth on Jan 3 next year.

The case was handled by deputy public prosecutor Aiman Zarith Zahrulai, while the man was unrepresented.