

Indonesian lands in jail for drug abuse

KUCHING: An Indonesian man was sentenced to two years in jail and three strokes of the rattan by a magistrates' court here yesterday after he pleaded guilty to the possession of 5.51 grams of methamphetamine.

Magistrate Zaiton Anuar ordered the jail sentence against the accused, Muksin, 26-year-old, to be carried out with effect on the day of his arrest, April 1 this year.

Muksin, who worked as a plantation worker changed his plea to guilty during yesterday's proceeding.

He was charged under Section 12 (2) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952 which is punishable under Section 39A(1) of the same Act.

According to the facts of case, Muksin was arrested around 3pm at a durian plantation in Kampung Tematu here by a team of police from the Padawan district police headquarters.

During the arrest, the police found a small bag which contained 16 plastic packets containing a total of 13.85 grams of crystal-like substances believed to be syabu.

A chemist report on May 25, however, declared that the seized drugs were of 5.51 grams of methamphetamine.

Inspector Merylene Lindan Andrew Mang prosecuted while the accused was not represented by a counsel.