

Teacher charged with sexually assaulting teen students



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KUCHING: A 32-year-old teacher claimed trial at the Sessions Court here yesterday to two counts of committing physical sexual assault against two of his 13-year-old male students.

The accused was charged before Judge Iris Awen Jon under Section 14(a) of the Sexual Offences Against Children Act 2017, punishable under Section 14 and read together with Section 16 of the same Act.

Section 14(a) provides for a maximum 20 years' jail and whipping, while Section 16 provides for up to five years' imprisonment and a maximum of two strokes of the cane, upon conviction.

According to the charges, he allegedly touched the boys' private parts and hugged them for a sexual purpose at his apartment unit here at about 3am on April 25, 2026.

The court fixed June 18, 2026 for pre-trial case management and allowed the accused bail of RM10,000 with two local sureties.

The accused was also ordered to surrender his passport and report to the police station on

the first working day of every month until the disposal of the case.

It was understood that the teacher had been suspended from school following the allegations against him.

The police in a previous statement said the two boys had stayed overnight at the accused's apartment to attend a tuition session.

The alleged incident is said to have happened when they were asleep.

Deputy public prosecutor Marvind Kaliyani appeared for the prosecution, while the accused was represented by lawyer Russell Lim.