

Six plead guilty to illegal cockfighting, fined RM1,000

SIBU: Six men were each fined RM1,000 in default one month's jail by the Magistrates' Court here yesterday for their involvement in illegal cockfighting last week.

Magistrate Onn Kork Chern convicted Teo Geok Huat, 58, Willie Cyril Gamau, 60, Ainie Keng, 53, Mohamad Sukuri Hamli, 31, Syazmier Harzuri Maula

Hussin, 23, and Robin Janin, 23, on their own guilty pleas to a charge under Section 73(1)(G) of the Veterinary Public Health Ordinance 1999.

The Section provides for a fine not exceeding RM2,000 or imprisonment for up to six months, or both, upon conviction.

All six accused settled the fine. They committed the offence at an open space in Bukit Penyau here at about 3.05pm on Feb 15.

Based on the facts of the case, police raided the site and found two four-wheel-drive vehicles blocking access to the area.

Realising the presence of the police, the six accused attempted

to flee but were apprehended about 500 metres from the Salim-Durin main road after a chase.

Among the items seized at the site were a cockerel, cockspur, and a weighing scale.

Deputy public prosecutor Keshava Rao Tharma Raja prosecuted the case, while the accused were unrepresented.