



The couple exits the courtroom at the end of the proceeding.

Husband-wife charged with drug trafficking, possession in Sibul

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SIBU: A married couple, said to be the masterminds of a drug syndicate since 2015, was charged in the Magistrates' Court here yesterday with trafficking and possessing illicit narcotics.

No plea was recorded from Tie Teck Hock, 52, and his wife Lee Chee Fei, 45, after the charges, framed under the Dangerous Drugs Act (DDA) 1952, were read to them in Foochow before Magistrate Oon Kork Chern.

On the first charge, Tie is accused of trafficking 1,030.80g of methamphetamine at the corridor of a food premises in Jalan Pedada at around 10pm on June 12, 2025.

On the second charge, the couple is jointly accused of trafficking 6,055.90g of

methamphetamine in a storeroom under the staircase of a house on Lorong Permai Jaya 9D1B1 at around 10.45pm the same day.

Both charges are framed under Section 39B(1)(a) of the DDA, punishable under Section 39B(2) of the same Act, which carries the death penalty or life imprisonment, and if not sentenced to death, be whipped not less than 12 times, upon conviction.

On the third and fourth charges, Tie and Lee are jointly accused of possessing 2,078.90g of ketamine and 2,022.15g of nimetazepam at the same Permai Jaya house on the same day and time.

Both charges are framed under Section 12(2) of the DDA, punishable under Section 12(3) of the same Act and read together with Section 34 of the

Penal Code, which provides for a fine not exceeding RM100,000 or imprisonment for up to five years or both, upon conviction.

Tie was previously released on police bail on June 26 following the expiry of a seven-day remand extension but was re-arrested under the Dangerous Drugs (Special Preventive Measures) Act 1985.

Lee was similarly released on June 24 after a four-day remand extension but was also re-arrested under the same Act.

The court fixed Aug 22 for case mention pending a chemistry report, and ordered for the couple to continue their detention in Sibul Prison.

Deputy public prosecutor Nuralisa Natasha Nazrulzam appeared for the prosecution, while lawyer Reena Chong represented the couple.