

Captured Indonesian escapee gets 16 years, six strokes for sexually assaulting minor

SIBU: An Indonesian man who was recaptured after escaping from police custody on June 21 was sentenced yesterday to a total of 16 years in prison and six strokes of the cane for sexually assaulting an underage girl.

Sessions Court judge Musyiri Peet sentenced Buni, 25, to eight years' jail and three strokes of the cane for each of the two charges framed under the Sexual Offences Against Children Act 2017 read together with Section 16 of the same Act.

The court ordered the sentences to run consecutively from the date of his arrest on June 13, 2025.

Based on the two charges, Buni sexually assaulted the girl, 16, at a longhouse in Batang Igan in March this year, and again the following month.

In a separate proceeding before the same court, Buni was sentenced to eight months in jail for overstaying in Malaysia following the expiry of his social visit pass on July 30, 2024.

He committed the offence at the same longhouse in Batang Igan at about 5pm on June 13, 2025.

The charge against him was framed under Section 15(1)(C) of the Immigration Act 1959/63, punishable under Section 15(4) of the same Act.

Meanwhile in the Magistrates' Court, Buni was sentenced to



Buni is escorted from the court after sentencing.

another eight months in prison for escaping from police custody while being escorted to the Central Police Station lockup.

The charge was framed under Section 224 of the Penal Code, which provides imprisonment for up to two years or a fine, or both, upon conviction.

The brief facts of the case

stated that Buni, despite being handcuffed, managed to escape from custody at about 4pm on June 21 while being escorted back to the lockup after having his statement recorded.

He was recaptured by police in front of a house along Jalan Terap in the early hours of June 23.