School axe attack: Student charged with three offences

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KUCHING: A 16-year-old male student who allegedly attacked a teacher with an axe at a private school here on Oct 21 has been charged with three offences – carrying a scheduled weapon, causing hurt to the teacher, and possessing explosives without lawful excuse.

Magistrate Leona Dominic Mojiliu, however, ordered the boy to be sent to Sentosa Hospital under Section 342 of the Criminal Procedure Code for psychiatric assessment and fixed Dec 17 for mention.

The student appeared in court yesterday to face the three charges, but no plea was recorded.

It is understood that his counsel Wejok Tomik had applied for him to be sent to Sentosa Hospital for a psychiatric assessment, and the court allowed the application.

On the first charge, the boy is accused of carrying a small axe, classified as a scheduled weapon under Item 7 of the Second Schedule of the Corrosive and Explosive Substances and Offensive Weapons Act 1958, without lawful purpose.

The charge was brought under Section 7(1)(a) of the same Act, which provides for imprisonment of between five and 10 years upon conviction.

On the second charge, he is accused of voluntarily causing hurt to a 42-year-old female teacher using a small black axe.

The offence is punishable under Section 324 of the Penal Code with imprisonment of up to 10 years, or a fine, or caning, or any two of these punishments, upon conviction.

For the third charge, he is accused of possessing explosives without lawful purpose, namely firecrackers and a modified beverage container containing explosive substances.

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The charge was brought under Section 8 of the Explosives Act 1957, which provides for imprisonment of up to seven years, a fine of RM10,000, or both, upon conviction.

All three offences were allegedly committed at around 7.50am at a private school here last month.

The incident went viral on social media after footage showing a student attacking a teacher with an axe within the school premises was circulated online.

Following the incident, the 42-year-old teacher is reported to have sustained injuries to her left hand and was taken to a specialist hospital for treatment before being discharged.

Police had earlier said statements had been recorded from 38 witnesses to assist with the investigation.

The prosecution was conducted by Sarawak State Prosecution director Raja Zaizul Faridah Raja Zaharudin, together with deputy public prosecutors Nur Nisla Abdul Latif and Abdurrahman Abrar Jarni.