

12 years jail, whipping for Indonesian with cannabis

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SHAH ALAM, Sept 2 — An Indonesian man was sentenced to 12 years jail and 22 strokes of the whip by the High Court here today after he pleaded guilty to two alternative charges of possessing 5.397 kilogrammes of cannabis in November last year.

Judge Datuk Ahmadi Asnawi ordered the accused, Muhammad Amin Johan, 36, to serve the sentence from the date of his arrest on November 24 2012.

In his judgement, Ahmadi said the rising trend in drug cases involving foreigners in Malaysia was of grave concern.

“You should have thought about it before committing this offence. I feel that you will only reform with the 22 strokes of whipping,” he said.

Muhammad Amin was charged with his wife Rihul Jannah Iksan, who was freed on a defence representation last year, of possessing 5.397 kilogrammes of cannabis at Batu Caves, Gombak here on November 24 2012.

He was initially charged under Section 39B (1)(a) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952, which carries the mandatory death penalty upon conviction but was later offered alternative charges under Section 6 of the same Act. Deputy public prosecutor Aidatul Azura Zainal Abidin conducted the prosecution while lawyer Choong Kak Seng represented Muhammad Amin. — Bernama