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Miguel Angel Comacho being taken to the magistrate's court in Balik Pulau yesterday. PIC BY DANIAL SAAD

NARCOTICS CASE

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BALIK PULAU: An Argentine man found with cocaine in his luggage on arrival at the Penang International Airport last Wednesday was charged at the magistrate's court here yesterday.

No plea was recorded from Miguel Angel Comacho, 57, when the charge was read to him in Spanish by an interpreter.

He only nodded to indicate that he understood the charge.

Comacho is alleged to have

trafficked in 1.37kg of cocaine inside his luggage at the arrival hall of the airport, about 2pm on March 29.

He was charged under Section 39B of the Dangerous Drug Act 1952, which carries the mandatory death penalty upon conviction.

Deputy public prosecutor Nur Fazliyana Ahmad asked the court to fix another date for mention pending a chemist's report.

Court registrar Mohamad Alif

Abdul Aziz fixed June 22 for mention.

The accused, who was handcuffed and clad in blue T-shirt and dark pants, looked down when cameras clicked away. He was unrepresented.

It is learnt that Comacho was arrested by Customs officers as he arrived from Kuala Lumpur. He had earlier flown from Dubai to Kuala Lumpur. The cocaine is said to worth about RM274,000.