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IPOH — A 35-year-old lorry driver was sentenced to death for trafficking in 2.7kg of cannabis two years ago.

Wan Mohamad Lufti Jaafar was also sentenced to three years' jail and five strokes of the cane for possessing 34g of cannabis.

Both offences were committed in front of GD Express Sdn Bhd, near Parit Buntar at 12.10am on July 26, 2014.

High Court judge Datuk Che Mohd Ruzima Ghazali said the defence had failed to cast a reasonable doubt on the prosecution's case.

"The accused claimed he was a pillion rider and when police raided the place, a person by the name of Madi ran away from the scene," he said.

"The accused stated the drugs found in the motorcycle basket belonged to Madi."

Che Mohd Ruzima rejected Lufti's defence saying it was mere denial and shifting the blame on others who did not exist.

"After taking into consideration the prosecution proved the case beyond reasonable doubt, the court has no choice but to sentence you to death by hanging," he told the accused.

Deputy public prosecutor Harris Ong Mohd Jeffery Ong called six witnesses, and defence counsel Khairil Khalil called one witness.

When the court stood down, a group of women, believed to be Lufti's family members rushed from the gallery to hug the accused.

They were sobbing while Lufti, who was clad in a football jersey and jeans, remained calm.