

Three foreigners including teenage girl face drug charges

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BALIK PULAU (Oct 18, 2013): Three foreign nationals, including a 17-year-old girl, were charged separately at the Magistrates Court here today with trafficking Methamphetamine at the Penang International Airport two weeks ago.

No pleas were recorded from the accused, Derrick Randell, 63, from Africa, Indian national B Sangeeta Sharma, 38 and the girl who was from Malawi.

Derrick and the teenager were accused of trafficking in 4.4 kilogrammes (kg) and 4.3 kgs of Methamphetamine at the arrival hall of the airport on Oct 5 while Sangeeta allegedly trafficked 3.1kg of the same drug at the same location at 1 am on Oct 7.

All three were charged under Section 39B(1)(a) of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952 which carries the mandatory death sentence.

Deputy public prosecutor Charanjit Singh Mahinder Singh and prosecuting officer Muhd Ridhauddin Jamaluddin conducted the prosecution while the accused were unrepresented.

Magistrate Muhamad Najib Ismail set Dec 17 for remention. - Bernama