

Bersih 3.0: Rubber Tapper Jailed, Fined
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 13 (Bernama) -- A rubber tapper was today jailed for one year and fined RM5,500 after being found guilty on three counts including causing injury to a policeman and journalist during a rally, here last year.

Sessions court judge Mahmud Abdullah made the decision after finding that the prosecution had succeeded in raising a reasonable doubt on the accused, Mohd Safuan Mamat@Nordin, 26, at the end of the defence case.

However, the rubber tapper from Terengganu only had to serve a one-year jail sentence simultaneously for all the three charges beginning today while he would serve an additional six months in jail if he failed to pay the fine.

Mahmud also allowed the application by counsel for the accused, Dr Zulqarnain Lukman for a postponement in the implementation of the sentence on an additional condition that the bond was raised from RM1,500 to RM9,000.

However, he rejected Mohd Safuan's request to pay the fine in instalments and ordered him to pay the whole amount today.

On the first charge, that is, damaging a Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM) vehicle using a cone while taking part in a demonstration at Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman, here at 3.50pm on April 28, 2012, Mohd Safuan was sentenced to a year's jail and fined RM3,000.

He was jailed for three months and fined RM2,000 on the second charge of using violence by causing injury to Constabel Mohamad Kamil Paiman at the same location, time and date.

On the last charge, he was jailed one month and fined RM500 for causing injury to Al-Hijrah TV station journalist Mohd Azri Mohd Salleh, 29, also at the same place, time and date.

Deputy Public Prosecutor Haffiza Jemali appeared for the prosecution.

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