

Oct 7, 2000: Computer engineer Noor Suzaily Muthtar, 24, was raped and strangled to death with her own scarf by the driver of an Ekpres Kiara bus she had taken to Port Klang to meet her fiancé. She was the last passenger on the bus and driver Hanafi Mat Hassan, took the bus to a deserted place before raping and murdering her. The incident raised concern about safety on public transport, with many questioning how a person with a criminal record could be hired. The heavy-tinting of the bus windows prompted the then Prime Minister to promise to review tinting regulations for commercial vehicles.

Oct 31, 2000: A 23-year-old claimed she had been raped by a bus driver 10 months before arriving in Johor. The undergraduate claimed the driver had lured her back into the bus by stealing her bag, locked the doors, threatened her with harm before driving to Lido beach where she was raped. Police said it was a case of outraging of modesty, not rape.

Nov 29, 2001: Taxi driver Abdul Ghani Abdul Karim raped a 22-year-old sales promoter in the back seat of his taxi at Taman Seputeh, Kuala Lumpur, after the woman took his cab

from her work place in the evening.

June 18, 2002: A taxi driver, who allegedly raped two women on May 30 and June 14, lodged a report at Shah Alam police station on the same day of the first rape, reporting his rented cab stolen. He was alleged to have raped a 21-year-old computer tutor in Kelana Jaya and the second victim, aged 22, before dumping her at Jalan Gasing, Petaling Jaya.

22 May, 2003: A 19-year-old housewife from Kuantan narrowly escaped being raped by a taxi driver at an oil palm estate. She was taking a taxi home when the driver drove to an isolated spot and proceeded to touch her private parts. The victim was able to escape and seek help from a passing motorist.

April 10, 2005: Taxi driver Badrudin Long was sentenced to 31 years in jail and five strokes of the rotan by the Ampang Sessions Court for sodomising and raping a 18-year-old girl in 1997. He had raped the victim in the back seat of his taxi, which he had parked at oil palm plantation near the Kajang Hill Golf Club.

Nov 18, 2005: A part-time

cab driver, 38, was nabbed after a passenger reported sexual assault a week before. The woman said she was molested and forced to perform oral sex. It was reported that beside four criminal records, the suspect was wanted in connection with a robbery at the KL International Airport several months prior to the attack.

Jan 17, 2007: Taxi driver Abdul Ghani Abdul Karim, 27, sentenced 20 years in jail and four strokes of the rotan for two counts of raping his passenger. He raped the 22-year-old woman in his cab near Jalan Kuchai Lama on June 13, 2002.

April 4, 2007: Two Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia law students are robbed at knife point and forced to strip to their undergarments by a man in his 40s after boarding a bus on campus. The driver had stolen the factory bus. He drove the two students two kilometres away before assaulting them. Later, a motorist spotted the two girls waving from the bus near a toll plaza and alerted the police.

July 4, 2007: A 33-year-old part-time taxi driver in Johor was arrested three months after he robbed and raped a 41-year-old restaurant helper

who had hailed his cab to return home after work. Along the way, the driver picked up another passenger who was robbed at knife point, after which the driver assaulted the victim in a secluded spot.

Nov 3, 2008: A university student, 20, was raped by a taxi driver after accepting a drink from him which was laced with a date-rape drug. The victim boarded the taxi in the evening but the driver convinced her he needed to go to his home first to retrieve his driver's license. It was believed the student was raped in his house.

Jan 20, 2009: A taxi driver raped a 28-year-old woman and even demanded she pay her cab fare. The victim hailed the cab at Bandar Utama and was taken to a secluded area in Petaling Jaya where the driver, 31, handcuffed the woman and raped her. *Malay Mail* later reported the driver was a serial rapist, believed to have sexually assaulted more than 10 women in Selangor. He was arrested on Feb 11.

April 21, 2009: Police nabbed a taxi driver in connection with several cases of rape and robbery involving his passengers, following a chase in Sentul.