

# 2 foreigners to hang for drug trafficking

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** A man from Peru was sentenced to death by the High Court yesterday after he was found guilty of trafficking in cocaine two years ago.

Judicial Commissioner Azman Abdullah passed the sentence on Amasifuen Tello Reyes, 30, after finding the defence had failed to raise any doubt in the prosecution's case.

Reyes was ordered to enter his defence by Azman on Wednesday after the court ruled that the prosecution had established a prima facie case against him.

He was charged with trafficking in 714 grammes of cocaine along the roadside near Jalan Sultan here about 7.30pm on May 15, 2007.



**Faisal Abdul Aziz was found guilty of trafficking**

According to the facts of the case, a police team acting on a tip-off trailed Reyes from Kuala Lumpur International Airport after he arrived on a transit flight from Buenos Aires to Singapore.

Initially, the officers did not

find any drugs on him.

Reyes was then taken to the Kuala Lumpur Hospital and a X-ray of his body revealed that there were more than 100 small tubes in his stomach.

He was admitted for four days at the hospital to "flush out" the tubes and a total of 114 tubes were recovered.

Further examination confirmed the tubes contained cocaine.

Reyes's counsel Tharamjit Singh told the court that Reyes had been jobless almost six months after he was retrenched from a factory in his hometown and was lured by a drug syndicate which had offered him US\$3,000 (RM10,820).

Deputy public prosecutor Ahmad Fuad Othman argued that the law was very clear whether the accused was a local or foreigner, and the only

punishment for drug trafficking in Malaysia was the mandatory death sentence.

In **Shah Alam**, a man from Aceh was sentenced to death by the High Court for trafficking in 406.93 grammes of cannabis three years ago.

High Court judge Datuk Syed Ahmad Helmy Syed Ahmad found contract worker Faisal Abdul Aziz, 33, guilty of trafficking in the drug at an oil palm plantation in Dengkil at 5.30pm on Jan 3, 2006.

Syed Ahmad said the prosecution, conducted by DPP Mohd Nordin Ismail, had succeeded in proving that Faisal was involved in trafficking drugs.

Faisal, who has been in remand since he was charged two years ago, cried as the sentence was read out to him.

He was represented by counsel A. Srimurugan.