

# Militant trainer jailed five years

## Plantation worker taught firearm usage

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** A plantation worker was jailed five years for providing military training to militants in Bukit Ara Para Kampung Ketior Dalam, Kuala Kangsar in Perak more than two years ago.

High Court judge Justice Mohd Shariff Abu Samah jailed Muamar Gadaffi Mohamad Shafawi, 32, after he admitted to the charge yesterday.

Justice Mohd Shariff ordered the sentence against Muamar to run from the day he was nabbed on June 13, 2014.

The judge instructed the plantation worker to undergo the jail term from June 13, 2014, on the day of his arrest.

Muamar committed the offence in Bukit Ara Para Kampung Ketior Dalam, Mukim Senggang, from Dec 25 to 27, 2013 between 2pm and 4pm.

The charge under Section 130F(c) of the Penal Code carries a maximum 30-year imprisonment and fine, upon conviction.

Earlier in meting out the sentence, he had advised Muamar to stay here and avoid going to a war-torn country.

He said Muamar was still young and there were many ways for him to perform  *Jihad*  other than going to Syria.

"If your parents or wife or children pass away, your friends in Syria will not come and help bury your family members.

"I hope the sentence that I mete out is suitable to serve as a lesson for you," Justice Mohd Shariff said.

In asking for leniency, Muamar's lawyer Mohd Amirul Ramli said that his client had been remanded for a year and eight months since June 13, 2014.

Mohd Amirul said Muamar has repented and hoped the court would give a second chance for him to build a new life after serving his jail sentence.

He also said that his client was the sole breadwinner and a first-time offender who has a wife and two children aged between two and five to support with his RM2,000 monthly income.

Meanwhile, deputy public prosecutor Robert Pasang Alam said it was a serious offence as it involved national security.

DPP Robert urged the court to consider public interest when meting out the sentence.

Based on the statement of facts, after receiving a tip-off on June 13, 2014 at about 6.42pm, the police went to Taman Indah Jaya in Sandakan, Sabah, to arrest Muamar.

Initial investigation showed that Muamar has two Facebook accounts under the names "Iskandar Dzulqaranain" and "Ammar Rasuli Al-Jihadi".

He was active in spreading militant ideologies among youths via the two Facebook accounts.

The military training involved teaching his friends how to use a gun and shoot at a target.