

FORENSIC CASES IN JOHOR

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1.0 Crime Rate by district

Average Crime By District

District	≡	Year of Year		
		2019	2020	2021
Pasir Gudang		10.00	4.00	5.00
Seri Alam		5.00	7.00	1.00
Kulaijaya		1.00	7.00	5.00
Kota Tinggi		6.00	2.00	1.00
Kluang		4.00	2.00	3.00
Iskandar Puteri		4.00	3.00	2.00
Segamat		1.00	3.00	2.00
Batu Pahat		3.00	3.00	0.00
Johor Bahru Utara		1.00	3.00	0.00
Muar		0.00	2.00	0.00
Mersing		0.00	0.00	1.00
Ledang		0.00	0.00	1.00
Pontian		0.00	0.00	0.00
Nusajaya		0.00	0.00	0.00

Figure 1: Murder crime rate

Forensic Cases in Johor will be focusing more on murder case. The 2021 Crime Statistics revealed that Pasir Gudang is the highest for murder cases which contribute 24% compared to total murder cases in Johor for 2021. Kota Tinggi contributes 5%. Murder crimes, although tragic and deeply disturbing, can occur in any region, including Johor.

2.0 Forensic Cases in specific Districts

This section will discuss the murder case that happened in across the districts in Johor. Two districts will be discussed for a start which is Pasir Gudang and Kota Tinggi.

2.1 Pasir Gudang

2.1.1 Case Summary

Nurul Nadirah Abdullah disappeared on March 1, 2012, after buying instant noodles and eggs from a sundry shop. Investigators found a positive lead and led them to an oil palm estate. A week later, police recovered a child's charred body from a pit at the plantation. The victim was kidnapped, strangled, and burned in an abandoned residential area. The unique features found in the teeth of a human body matched the victim. The suspect, who lives not far from the victim's house, claimed that he acted like this out of revenge after being insulted and looked down upon by the victim's grandmother.

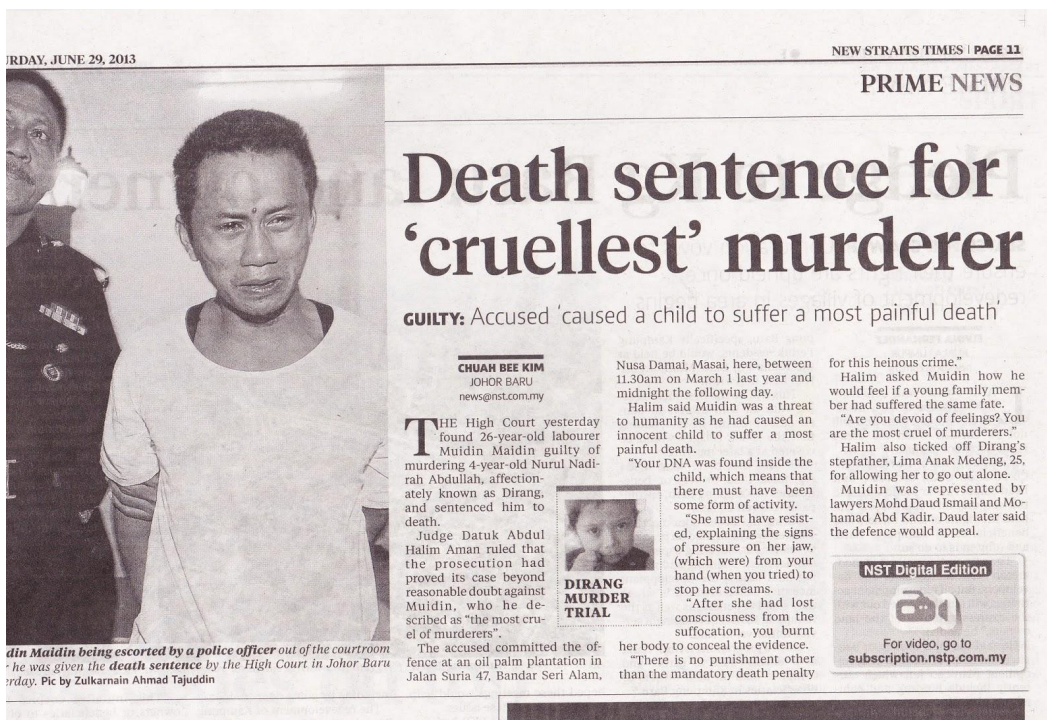


Figure 2: Newspaper article of the case

2.1.2 Introduction of the case

In the morning of March 1, 2012, Nurul Nadirah Abdullah, who was fondly called Dirang by her family, stepped out of her flats at Bandar Seri Alam, Pasir Gudang, Johor Bahru to a nearby sundry shop for instant noodles and eggs her mother had asked her to pick up. The obedient child did as she was told and left for the shop alone. Little did her family know, that was the last time they saw her alive.

When she did not return more than an hour later, her mother went over to the sundry shop in search of the girl but was told by a shopkeeper that she had left soon after buying the items. Police were alerted when Nurul, who was the younger child of two siblings, was nowhere to be found in the area and a massive search followed soon after. Witnesses claimed they had spotted a couple with Nurul not far from the sundry shop before her disappearance.

In the coming days, several people were arrested before investigators received a positive lead into the case, which led them to an oil palm estate within the township. A week after Nurul's disappearance, police recovered a charred body of a child from a pit at the plantation. The victim was kidnapped, strangled to death before the body was put in a pit and burned in an abandoned residential area in Nusa Damai, Masai here. The unique features found in the teeth of a human body found in an abandoned house at an oil palm estate matched that of 5-year-old Nurul Nadirah Abdullah.

2.1.3 Suspect



Figure 3: Suspect

The suspect is a labourer named Muidin Mydin, aged 27 years old. He used to work at the plantation where the victim was found.

2.1.4 List of evidence found at the crime scene

There are several pieces of evidence that were able to link the suspect with the case.

- A) DNA: A post-mortem report showed DNA samples found in the girl's private parts was linked to the accused.
- B) Soil: The soil sample collected from the mudguard of suspect's motorcycle matched the soil sample taken from the construction site located between Tasik Flora Heights and Taman Nusa Damai, five kilometres from the oil palm plantation.
- C) Fabric: Remnants of the yellow fabric found on Dirang's remains was suspect's sarong as he only had one sarong, and after the incident, the yellow sarong could no longer be found at his house.

2.1.4 Motive of the crime

The suspect, who lives not far from the victim's house, claimed that he acted like this out of revenge after being insulted and looked down upon by the victim's grandmother.

2.1.5 Court's decision

Muidin was charged with killing Dirang in an oil palm plantation at Jalan Suria 47, Bandar Seri Alam, Masai here between 11.30 am March 1 and 12 midnight March 2 under Section 302 of the Penal Code which carries the mandatory death sentence.

2.2 Kota Tinggi

2.2.1 Case Summary

A woman who disappeared in Kota Tinggi on March 1, 2021, has been found dead and believed to have been killed by her husband. The 38-year-old victim was shot at close range with an air rifle at their residence. Her body was wrapped in a blue barrel and planted in a palm oil plantation. The suspect, in his 40s, is believed to have planned the murder and had prepared the location for burial. The murder was revealed after a neighbor helped the suspect lift the barrel into a vehicle. Both suspects were charged under Section 302 of the Penal Code which carries the mandatory death sentence.

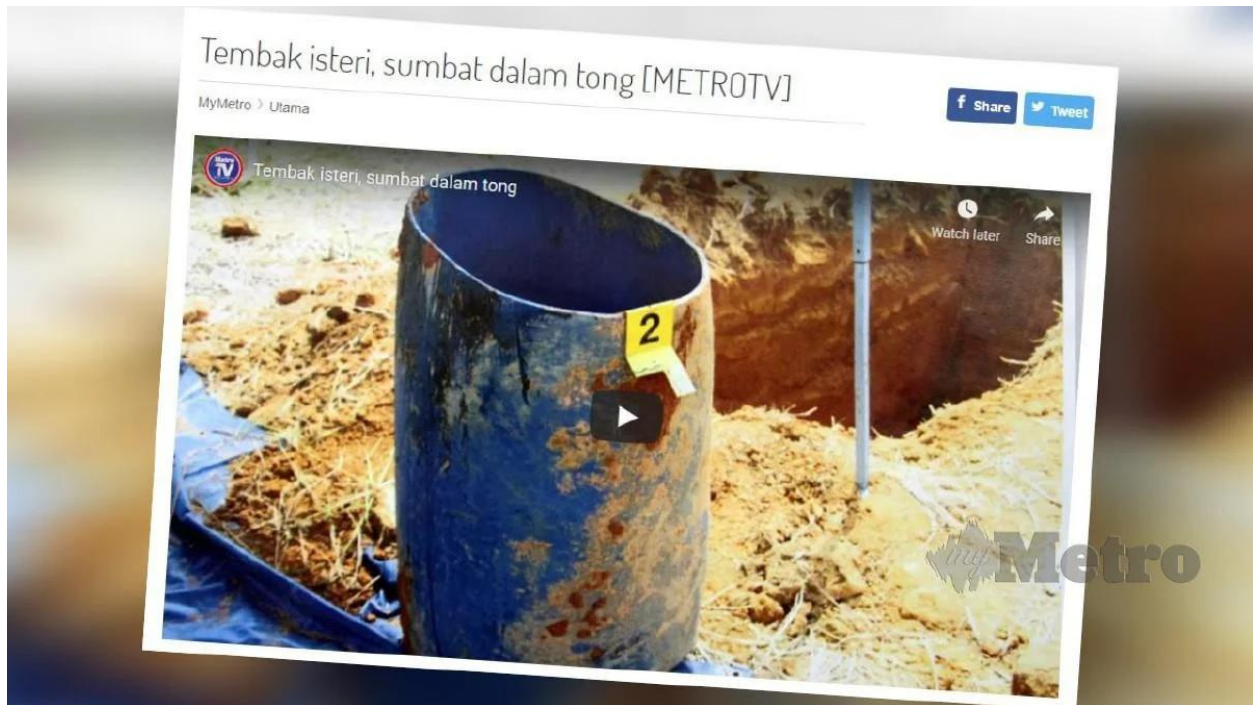


Figure 4: Newspaper article of the case

2.2.2 Introduction of the case

A woman who was reported missing last March 1, 2021 in Kota Tinggi has apparently died and is believed to have been killed by her husband. The incident that happened to the victim came to light after the police arrested the woman's husband, who is in his 40s, a day after her disappearance was reported.

The 38-year-old victim is believed to have been shot at close range with an air rifle at about 2.30am on March 1, at the couple's residence in Taman Sri Saujana, Kota Tinggi. Her body was wrapped and stuffed into a blue barrel. The barrel was then planted in a palm oil plantation in the same district to dispose of the evidence. The suspect was believed to have a strained relationship with his wife since early this year. He was also believed to have planned the murder and had prepared the location to bury his wife's remains due to his job as an excavator operator.

The secret of the brutal murder was revealed after a neighbor who was also a friend of the suspect passed information to the police during an investigation into a missing person case that

the suspect had reported. The neighbour suspected that the missing wife was in a water barrel when he helped the suspect lift the barrel into a four-wheel drive vehicle at 4.30 am last Monday.

2.2.3 Suspect



Figure 5: Two suspects

There are two suspects in the case:

Suspect 1: Victim's husband named Mohd Hanafi Patahur Rahim, aged 43 years old. He has two previous criminal records for voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons and also illegal possession of firearms.

Suspect 2: 32-year-old male friend of the husband. He act as accomplice and help dispose the body at the plantation.

2.2.5 List of evidence found at the crime scene

There are several pieces of evidence that were able to link the suspect with the case.

- A) Air rifle : This was used to shot the victim
- B) A shotgun (54 buckshots)
- C) A Mitsubishi Pajero 4X4: This is used to carry the body to the burial site
- D) An excavator: This was used to dig the hole for the burial
- E) Blue barrel : Victim was placed in the barrel and planted in plantation

2.2.6 Motive of the crime

The act was believed to be motivated by jealousy and triggered by the suspect's wife who had earlier filed for divorce.

2.2.7 Court's decision

Both suspects were charged under Section 302 of the Penal Code which carries the mandatory death sentence.

