

KERATAN SURAT KHABAR

SURAT KHABAR	:	NST			
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NST, 15 Jul 2021_16 Pygmy elephant killer sentenced

TAWAU: The perpetrator of the brutal killing of a male pygmy Borneo Elephant at Sungai Udin here, has finally been sentenced for his crime.

The Sessions Court here sentenced Martin Alok, 46, to four years in prison starting from his date of remand on Oct 4, 2019.

Upon serving the sentence, the unrepresented Indonesian would be referred to Immigration for deportation.

On Tuesday, the accused pleaded guilty before judge Awang Kerisnada Awang Mahmud for the charge under Section 41(1) of Wildlife Conservation Enactment 1997 for the offence of possessing a fully protected animal and animal parts.

Three other accused - Paranchoi Nordin, 61, Abdullah Simin, 70, and Jaifol Liun, 54 — were given a discharge not amounting to an acquittal.

On Sept 25, 2019, a group of anglers found the carcass of an elephant without tusks tied to a tree on a riverbank.

A post-mortem revealed that the elephant was shot at close range 70 times.

On Oct 2, 2019, following a police report, a team of personnel from here and Bombalai detained the four men at Felda Umas 4 and Kampung Felda Umas Kalabakan under Op Khazanah.

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