

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE MALAYAN UNION

REGISTRAR'S CIRCULAR NO.28/46

CRIMINAL STATISTICS

The Chief Justice, in September last, called for information as to the volume of work done by the various courts from 1st April to 31st July in order to assess the distribution of business in the respective courts and to ascertain whether the distribution was equitable.

2. Accordingly tables of statistics were made up from the details as supplied to me by the various courts.
3. In the Supreme Court between 24th June and 31st July, 92 Assize cases were dealt with, in which 162 persons were charged, 160 being males and 2 females. Of those persons, 146 were adults, 15 were young persons and one was a juvenile. The accused in their race groups were 59 Chinese, 5 Europeans, 33 Indians, 63 Malays, and 2 of other races.
4. 175 charges were brought against these 162 persons, resulting in 54 acquittals, 26 discharges and 95 convictions. Of the 175 charges brought, 76 were for offences against the person, 60 were for offences against property, 15 were for offences against public health, morals and safety, 2 were under the opium and Chandu Proclamation, and 22 for Miscellaneous Offences not covered by other headings.
5. As to the work done in the District and Magistrates' Courts, I enclose here four tables which give details extracted from the returns supplied to me. His Lordship appreciates the onerous work done by those responsible for the monthly returns and for the classification of the information now provided and feels sure that you, and your staff, will be interested in the comparisons which a study of these tables will provide.
6. I am therefore to ask that you will give your staff an opportunity to read this circular and to peruse the tables annexed.

Sd:
REGISTRAR

The Registry,
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Kuala Lumpur. 12th November, 1946.

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