

Two held over murder of GRO

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LABUAN: Two foreigners have been arrested in connection with the murder of a 25-year-old Filipina guest relations officer (GRO).

Labuan police chief, Supt Adzhar Othman said the first suspect, 22, was picked up on September 21 at about 6pm in front of his house in Simpang Dedap Kampung Sungai Bedaun while the second suspect, was arrested two days later at 2.45pm.

He told a press conference here yesterday that the two suspects - both Philippine nationals - were being remanded for a week to facilitate probe under Section 302 of the Penal Code which carries the mandatory death sentence.

"We believe we have solved the case," he said.

Adzhar said all in all six people were arrested in connection with the murder but the other four, including a woman, were released "after we were satisfied they were not involved".

The victim, identified as Nerisa Linawang Abelilla (pictured), was murdered between 10pm on Aug 15 and 2.20am on Aug 16 after she allegedly turned down a demand for sex with one of the suspects.



Adzhar said a preliminary investigation showed that the woman was hit with a stick or a pipe, which led to her death.