

# Witness: I saw my brother killing a man

KUALA LUMPUR: A machine operator told a High Court yesterday that he saw his brother chopping at a man's neck with a *parang* at their house.

Abdul Rahim Ismail, 25, said he was awakened from his sleep in the middle of the night and saw his brother killing a man in their living room.

He was testifying in a jury trial involving Sahol Hamid, 30, who is charged with murdering Yusof Shah Mohd Shah, 30, who had been renting a room at their house in Lorong Pandan here at 1.30am on Feb 17, 1990.

To a question by Deputy Public Prosecutor Nor Afizah Hanum Mokhtar, Abdul Rahim told the court that he did not get help as he was in a state of shock.

"He (Sahol) looked at me and mumbled some

thing before he left the house, still holding the *parang*," Abdul Rahim said.

To a question by counsel Kitson Foong, he said he was not aware of any misunderstanding between Sahol and Yusof.

"As far as I know they were good friends," he said.

To another question, he said that their father once took Sahol to the hospital to seek psychiatric treatment after (Sahol) had stolen an idol from a Chinese temple and brought it home to worship it.

"However, I do not know whether he was ever hospitalised," he added.

Abdul Rashid also said that Sahol was neither a drug addict nor an alcoholic.

Hearing before Mr Justice Datuk K.C. Vohrah continues today.