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By now, you would have heard that Pudu Jail is being demolished to make way for a commercial and residential complex ("similar to Berjaya Times Square") and a tunnel road to ease congestion. And while we think this is pretty irrational proposal for many reasons (also read Badan Warisan's just-released [statement](#)), there's not much we can do now to stop the demolitions. Except, reminisce. And remember. So for today, here's our list of Pudu Jail's most notorious inmates.

Mona Fandey

What can be said about the ever-smiling Mona Fandey that hasn't been touched on already? Probably the most prolific and sensational murder case in Malaysian history, Mona Fandey (real name: Maznah Ismail) along with husband Mohd Affandi Abdul Rahman and helper Juraimi Hussin were responsible for the death of UMNO State Assemblyman, Mazlan Idris. They chopped his head off with an axe before dismembering him into parts and burying him in the storeroom of Mona's Pahang residence. Incidentally Dain Said's film *Dukun* is said to be loosely inspired from this morbid but fascinating story well apparently *lah* - we never

saw it cos it was never released. Mona Fandey's time in Pudu Jail was transitory - she was moved to the new Kajang Prison to hang on 2 November 2001.



Botak Chin

Botak Chin, real name Wong Swee Chin, was one of Malaysia's most wanted criminals. His first taste of the underworld was when he joined Gang 306, participating in his first armed robbery in April 19, 1969. He was caught once and sentenced to seven years in jail after committing eight robberies. When he got out though, he did *try* to make a decent living as a vegetable trader but found the earnings to be pitiful. He eventually went on to form his own gang with Ng Cheng Wong, Beh Kok Chin and Teh Bok Lay; robbing banks, illegal gambling dens and initiating gang wars (with the Lima Jari Gunung gang). It all went downhill for Botak Chin when they tried to assassinate assistant police commissioner S. Kulasingam, and failed. His attempt spurred the formation of The Dirty Dozen: 12 policemen who established a force to specifically capture Botak Chin. This led to his arrest in February 1976 after a shoot-out where he was shot SIX times but SURVIVED. Thrown into Pudu Jail under the ISA, he attempted escape in 1981 but failed. He was finally hung to death on 11 June 1981. A [movie](#) on his life was supposed to be made, directed also by Dain Said. No updates on how that's going...

(PS: if anyone can find out why he was called Botak Chin when he had a head full of hair, let us know)



Barlow & Chambers

This refers two Australian citizens who were charged for drug trafficking. Kevin Barlow and Brian Chambers were arrested in Bayan Lepas airport in Penang on 9 November 1983. What tipped airport security off was the fact that Barlow was reported to have acted extremely nervous. When they eventually opened the maroon suitcase the duo carried, they found 141.9g of heroin. The Barlow & Chambers case made international headlines and soured diplomacy ties between Malaysia and Australia considerably when the Malaysian government denied an appeal of clemency from Australian politician, Bill Hayden. Barlow and Chambers were transferred from Penang to Pudu in 1985 and hung at the gallows on 7 July 1986.



Jimmy Chua

Jimmy Chua, real name Chua Chap Seng, was a Singaporean crime ringleader and a former member of the Singaporean police force. He was thrown into Pudu for murdering police constable Mohd Yasin Ismail in 1984. On 17 October 1986, Jimmy and his six henchmen took hostage of skin specialist Dr Radzi bin Jaafar and medical technologist Abdul Aziz Abdul Majid. The ordeal was over on 22 October 1986 with no blood spilled. Jimmy and his gang was charged under Section 3 (1) of the Kidnapping Act 1961 that carries a

maximum death penalty upon conviction. They were hung on 10 October 1989.



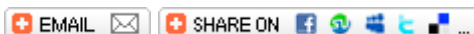
(not really Jimmy Chua. Sorry *lah*, cannot find picture online!!)

HINDRAF

Well they weren't criminals, let's be clear about that. This is probably fresh in your memory so let's keep it brief: following the HINDRAF rally of 2007, eight of their supporters were incarcerated in Pudu, but thankfully were released as there was no evidence to hold them.



Pictures from [Wikipedia](#), [Executed Today](#), [BBC](#), [Palmetto Scoop](#), [Prison.gov.my](#), [Hornbill Unleased](#)



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Posted by Dentist Oxnard on 21 October

hahaha!~

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Posted by muff on 21 October

He had "botak" -(crewcut)hairstyle when he was a kid. That's how Botak Chin got his name

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Posted by Petaling Jaya on 21 October

they just don't make criminals like Botak Chin anymore... he was a badd-ass all the way till the end.

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Posted by Hairy Nose on 21 October

Botak chin had no hair on his chin?

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Posted by Hairy Chin on 22 October

botak = bantu orang tak ada kerja. i got it from my chinese frenz live in those era.

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Posted by black hair on 04 March

got this from syahrilkadir blog....its originally Boh Tak Chin (its hokkien, i think)...boh is no, tak is job and chin is chinese, so Boh Tak Chin means The Jobless Chinese....



Posted by history lover on 04 May

BOTAK
Bantu Orang Tak Ada Kerja



Posted by Criminal Minds on 27 June

Botak Chin. Read in the hokkien slang. Bo Tak Chin. Or you can say bantu orang tak ada kemampuan.



Posted by Anonymous on 20 September

hero dia



Posted by chi gang on 27 January

aku salute dia bro banyak tolong org susah
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Posted by chi gang on 27 January

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