

# Three firms fined RM30,000 each for Osha offences

**SIBU:** Three companies were fined a total of RM30,000 each by the Sessions Court in Kapit on Tuesday for failing to comply with Occupational Safety and Health Act.

They were fined RM25,000 each for violating Section 15(1) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (Osha) 1994 which provides for a maximum fine of RM50,000 or two years' jail or both upon conviction.

They were also fined RM5,000

each for violating Regulation 5(1)(a)(bb) of Osha (Notification of Accident, Dangerous Occurrence, Occupational Poisoning and Occupational Disease) Regulations 2004 which carries a fine of not more than RM10,000 or not more than a year jail or both upon conviction.

According to the charge sheet, the first company failed to ensure safe working environment for its employee Kiing Sih Hock, 59, while operating a crawler crane

on July 28, 2019 at a jetty in Nanga Amang, Batang Rajang, Kapit.

The crane fell into the river which led to Kiing's death.

The company also failed to notify the fatal accident to the nearest Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) within seven days.

Based on the facts of the case, DOSH Sibu branch received a notice on the fatal accident through Incident Notice Form from Kapit Hospital about

8.30am on Aug 1, 2019.

The notice said that an employee by the name of Kiing Sih Hock died when the crawler crane he was operating fell from the jetty at Nanga Amang, Batang Rajang Kapit on July 28, 2019.

The body was found on July 30. The second company failed to ensure safe working environment for its employee Lagok Kekura, 59, which led to his death at Ulu Gaat Mengiong, Kapit on July 29, 2019.

Lagok was tying logs when they suddenly on him.

The company also failed to notify the fatal accident to the nearest DOSH office within seven days.

The third company violated Section 15(1) of Osha, namely by failing to ensure the safety of its Indonesian worker Almin on July 17, 2019 at Nanga Gaat Putai, Kapit.

Almin died when a tree fell on him. All the companies paid the fine.