



Police escort the Indonesian for proceedings at the Sessions Court.

Indonesian man get nine-month jail for overstaying, illegal World Cup betting

KUCHING: An Indonesian man was sentenced to a total of nine-month imprisonment after pleading guilty to overstaying his social visit pass and also engaging in illegal online betting linked to the FIFA World Cup 2026.

Sessions Court judge Musli Ab Hamid sentenced Bong Ket Cau, 37, to six-month jail under Section 15(1)(c) of the Immigration Act 1959/63.

In a separate proceeding, Magistrate Nursyaheeqa Nazwa Radzali imposed an additional three-month jail under Section 6(1) of the Betting Act 1953 after the accused admitted to participating in illegal betting activities.

Both offences were committed at an eatery in Batu 17, Siburan, along the Kuching-Serian Road at about 3.45pm on June 24.

Based on the facts of the case, police conducted surveillance on

the premises for approximately 15 minutes before carrying out a raid. The Indonesian was seen standing beside a table and was subsequently approached and inspected on suspicion of engaging in illegal betting activities.

A search on his mobile phone revealed access to the website, dw88a.com, which contained illegal online football betting activities related to the FIFA World Cup 2026.

Further investigations found that he had entered Malaysia via the Biawak entry point on March 7 using a social visit pass, which had since expired.

Deputy public prosecutors Asmawi Nur Haqim Mokhtar and Muhammad Aidil Akmal Sharidan appeared for the prosecution, while the Indonesian was unrepresented.