

## Unlicensed bar ops

### lands owner, manager with RM4,000 fine each

**KUCHING:** The owner and manager of a bar at Jalan Lapangan Terbang were each fined RM4,000, in default three months in prison, for operating the premises without a valid entertainment licence.

Magistrate Leona Dominic Mojiliu imposed the sentence to Tan Jia Perng, 44, and Brian Ngiam Tee Kiat, 53, after they pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 5(1), punishable under Section 5(3) of the Entertainment Ordinance 2000, read together with Section 34 of the Penal Code.

The offence carries a maximum fine of RM20,000, imprisonment of up to five years, or both, upon conviction.

According to the charge, the two men were found to have operated the premises at RH Plaza, Jalan Lapangan Terbang, without a valid entertainment licence at 11.50pm on May 19.

Based on the facts of the case, police conducted an inspection of the premises and discovered that it was operating without the required licence.

Tan and Ngiam were subsequently arrested, and various entertainment equipment, including televisions, monitor screens, speakers, microphones and an audio mixer, were seized.

Investigations further revealed that the Kuching South City Council had never issued an entertainment licence for the premises.

Deputy Public Prosecutor Ahmad Fauzulutfi Suriani appeared for the prosecution, while both accused were unrepresented by counsel.