

Indonesian gets fine for illegal gambling, jail for illegal entry

KUCHING: An Indonesian woman was fined RM2,000 in default two months' imprisonment after pleading guilty at the Magistrates' Court here yesterday to gambling in public using a mobile phone.

Erni Muslihat, 25, made the plea after the charge under Section 7(2) of the Common Gaming Houses Act 1953 was read to her before Magistrate Nursyaheeqa Nazwa Radzali.

The Section provides for a fine not exceeding RM5,000

or imprisonment of up to six months, or both, upon conviction.

According to the charge, Erni was found gambling using a smartphone during a raid at a premises along Lorong Komersil Swan 1, Matang at about 11.55pm on April 24, 2026.

Among items seized were the smartphone, a piece of paper containing an ID and a password, and RM54 in cash.

In a separate proceeding in

the Sessions Court, Erni was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment for entering Malaysia without valid travel documents.

The court also ordered her to be referred to the Immigration Department for further action upon her release from prison.

The cases were prosecuted by deputy public prosecutor Asmawi Nur Haqim Mokhtar, while the accused was unrepresented by legal counsel.