

Two jailed three days, fined RM500 over untaxed ciggies, booze

KUCHING: Two women were each fined RM500 and sentenced to three days in jail by the Kota Samarahan Magistrates' Court on Wednesday for possessing various brands of untaxed cigarettes and alcoholic beverages.

Elyvia Derang Engkamat, 32, and Liana Lucia Peter, 29, pleaded guilty before Magistrate Ling Hui Chuan to a charge under Section 37(1) of the Minor Offences Ordinance Sarawak 1958 read together with Section 34 of the Penal Code.

The Section provides for a jail term of up to three months and a fine of up to RM500, upon conviction.

Based on the facts of the case, police conducted a raid under Ops Taring Alpha at a premises in RH Park at Mile 9 here at about 9.45am on Jan 3, 2025.

A police officer leading the team introduced himself to the two women, who were suspected of overseeing the premises.

Upon inspection, the team found various types of untaxed cigarettes and alcoholic beverages inside the premises.

Both accused failed to produce valid documents to prove ownership of the goods when requested by police, and were arrested.

Among the goods seized were 1,709 boxes of beer, 170 boxes of liquor, and 720,200 sticks of cigarettes.

Insp Nur Shafiqah Nyaie Ilin prosecuted the case, while both accused were unrepresented.