

RM60,000 fine for hiring workers without valid passes

SIBU: A 51-year-old man was fined a total of RM60,000 in default six months in jail by the Sessions Court here yesterday for employing six immigrants who were without valid passes.

Judge Marutin Pagan imposed a fine of RM10,000 in default one month in prison for each employee after the accused, surnamed Lau, pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 55B(1) of the Immigration Act 1959/63.

The Section provides for a fine of between RM10,000 and RM50,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 12 months, or both, for each employee.

Lau, who was unrepresented, paid the fine.

He committed the offence at Lorong Ding Lik Kong at around 11.50am on Aug 24, 2023.

The immigrants, aged between 20 and 48 years, all did not possess valid passes. Two of them were from Indonesia, three from India, and one from Pakistan.

Prosecuting was Sibu Immigration Office prosecuting officer Ghaiazri Mohamad Ali.