

Indonesian fined for trespassing into nature reserve, erecting unauthorised structure

SIBU: An Indonesian man was fined a total of RM10,000 by the Sessions Court here yesterday for trespassing into the Bukit Lima Nature Reserve and erecting a structure there without permission.

Judge Musyiri Peet convicted Marzuki, 43, on his own guilty plea to two charges and fined him RM5,000 in default one month's jail for each charge.

The unrepresented accused failed to pay the fines.

The court also ordered him to be evicted from the nature reserve and be referred to the Immigration Department for deportation after serving his sentence.

Marzuki was charged under



Marzuki is led away by an officer from the SFC after the proceedings.

Section 26(a) of the National Parks and Nature Reserves Ordinance 1998 with entering Bukit Lima Nature Reserve without permission from the Controller of National Parks and

Nature Reserves.

He was also charged under Section 26(i) of the same Ordinance with erecting a building in the reserve without permission from the controller.

Based on the facts of the case, Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) enforcement officers and rangers conducted patrols at Sector 3, Jalan RTM, Lorong RTM 13B3 here within the reserve.

They spotted a building structure at the location and, upon further inspection, found Marzuki asleep inside.

When questioned, the accused admitted he was an Indonesian but failed to produce valid permission to enter the reserve or erect the structure.

The case was jointly prosecuted by deputy public prosecutor Simon Engka Crown and SFC prosecution officer Nicholas Salleh.