

Gambling at public place: Foreigner slapped with RM900 fine

MIRI: A foreign man was fined RM900, in default two weeks' imprisonment, by the Magistrates' Court here yesterday for gambling at a public place.

Magistrate Randu Rangen meted out the sentence after the accused, Ach Irham of Jawa Timur, pleaded guilty to the charge framed under Section 7(2) of the Common Gaming Houses Act 1953.

The Section provides for a maximum fine of RM5,000 or jail term of up to six months or both, upon conviction.

According to facts of the case, Ach was found to be engaging in gambling at a public place during a check by the police on Jalan Tudan here, at 4.20pm on March 1 this year.

In mitigation, the Indonesian pleaded for leniency as it was his first offence.