

Elderly noodle factory owner fined RM10,000 for hiring undocumented immigrant

KUCHING: The Sessions Court here fined a noodle factory owner RM10,000, in default 10-month jail, for employing an Indonesian woman who had no valid pass since 2023.

Judge Musli Ab Hamid convicted Sim See Chieng, 70, on her own guilty plea to a charge under Section 55B of the Immigration Act 1959/63 (Amendment 2002), which is punishable under Section 55B(1) of the same Act.

The provision carries a fine of between RM10,000 and RM50,000, or up to 12 months in jail, or both, for each undocumented employee, upon conviction.

Sim was found to have employed the foreign worker

between April 6, 2023 and Jan 28 of this year.

According to the facts of the case, police inspected Sim's house based on tip-off, and found an Indonesian woman suspected of being a vulnerable person who had been deceived and exploited as forced labour.

Sim was then arrested after she surrendered herself.

Based on the investigation, it was indicated that the Indonesian had been working at Sim's factory for about two years without receiving any wages, and was only provided with accommodation and food throughout the period.

This was confirmed during Sim's interrogation.