

Six plead guilty to illegal cockfighting, fined RM1,000

KUCHING: Six men were each fined RM1,000 in default one month's imprisonment by the Magistrates' Court here yesterday for participating in illegal cockfighting activities.

Magistrate Ling Hui Chuan convicted the accused on their guilty pleas to a charge under Section 73(1)(g) of the Veterinary Public Health Ordinance 1999 read together with Section 34 of the Penal Code.

The accused were identified as Muhammad Syafi Abdullah, 33, Kelvin Ronet, 22, Roberto Kentona Juang, 30, Terrance Gemog, 32, Choo Shin Hiang, 53, and Mark Lee Marwan Almadanat, 22.

According to the facts of the case, a police team raided an open area in Kampung Chupak along Jalan Kuching-Serian at about 1.30pm on April 10, after surveillance revealed a group of individuals gathered there for cockfighting activities.

Realising the presence of police, the group attempted to flee but all six accused were successfully apprehended at the scene.

The seizures included a live cockerel, a dead cockerel, two cockspurs, and RM200 in cash.

Investigations revealed that the activity was conducted without any licence or permission from the relevant authorities.

The prosecution was conducted by Insp Nur Shafiqah Nyaie Ilin, while the accused were not represented by counsel.