

Building arsonist jailed five years, fined RM5,000

SIBU: The Sessions Court here yesterday sentenced a man to five years in jail and fined him RM5,000. in default five-month imprisonment, for deliberately setting fire to a building.

Judge Musyiri Peet convicted Bayang Tunsan, 53, from Roban on his own guilty plea to a charge under Section 436 of the Penal Code, which provides for up to 20 years' jail and a fine.

Bayang committed the offence at a building on Jalan Huo Ping at about 10.30pm on July 16 this year.

Based on the facts of the case, closed-circuit television (CCTV) footage showed a man – later identified as the accused – entering the building, after which a fire broke out.

Bayang, a contract worker, was arrested at about 1.20pm on Aug 13 and confessed to the crime.

Deputy public prosecutor Cynthia Emmelda Jerry prosecuted the case, while Bayang was unrepresented by counsel.