

Man fined RM1,500 for buying illegal lottery tickets

KUCHING: A 38-year-old man was fined RM1,500 in default three months in jail by the Magistrates' Court here yesterday for purchasing illegal lottery tickets.

Magistrate Mason Jaro Lenya Barayan imposed the fine after the unrepresented accused pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 9(1) of the Common Gaming Houses Act 1953.

The Section provides for a fine of not more than RM5,000 or imprisonment for up to six months, or both, upon conviction.

He committed the offence at an eatery near Jalan Daya here at 5.30pm on Sept 5, 2025.

Based on the facts of the case, police raided the premises on suspicion of illegal online gaming activities and detained the accused who was there at the time.

Seized from him were a mobile phone and RM50 in cash.

A gambling expert later confirmed that the accused had used the mobile phone to purchase illegal lottery tickets.