

Barkeeper fined RM1,000 for operating unlicensed entertainment centre

KUCHING: The Magistrates' Court here yesterday fined a barkeeper RM1,000, in default one month in prison, for operating a premises as an entertainment centre without a valid business licence.

Magistrate Nursyaheeqa Nazwa Radzali convicted Rachmond Bagong Ramlan, 25, on his own guilty plea to a charge under Section 3(1) of the Trades, Professions and Business Licensing Ordinance, which provides for a maximum fine of RM1,000.

He committed the offence at a bar in Galacity, Jalan Tun Jugah at about 10.25pm on Aug 2, 2026 when he failed to produce the required licence during a police raid.

According to the facts of the case, police raided the premises following information that an entertainment business was being operated without a valid licence.

The raiding party arrived to find loud music being played, which could be heard from outside the premises, and found two men

inside singing and entertaining themselves.

The premises' keeper, later identified as the accused, was then asked to produce an entertainment licence but failed to do so.

A check with the Kuching South City Council confirmed that no entertainment business licence had been issued for the premises.

Deputy public prosecutor Muhammad Aidil Akmal Sharidan appeared for the prosecution, while the accused was unrepresented.