

Nine illegals jailed for illegal entry

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KOTA KINABALU: Nine foreigners including a woman were jailed four months each on Tuesday for illegal entry. Darwin Mudjakate, Al Basir Ismail, Karolus Lamatokan, Nasri Hajir, Arhlet Joy, Alfairun Hasim, Ismail Roslan, Johari Undang and Robelto Paulula, aged between 24 and 44, pleaded guilty before Sessions Court Judge Amir Shah Amir Hassan to committing the offence here and in Penampang recently. Eight of them, who were male, were ordered to be caned once each while Arhlet, a woman was spared the whip due to her gender. The nine, comprising Filipinos and an Indonesian were charged under Section 6(1)(c) of the Immigration Act 1959/63, which provides for a jail term of up to five years, or a fine of up to RM10,000, on conviction.

Meanwhile, a 51-year-old woman, who fraudulently had RM9,765 deposited into her bank account, was fined RM100 or three days jail. Annie Lee pleaded guilty before Magistrate Wan Farrah Wan Ghazali to having the money belonging to one Chua Suk Wan in her Maybank account. The charge stated that Lee failed to give a satisfactory explanation on how she obtained the money in August 2023. The offence under Section 22A (1) of the Minor Offences Ordinance, provides a fine of up to RM100 or up to three months jail or both, on conviction. Counsel Hamid Ismail, representing Lee, requested a fine as it was her first offence, and that she regretted her act and promised not to do it in the future. "This charge is already punishment to her as she was terrified to come to Sabah until she approached me to appear in this case," said Hamid. Deputy Public Prosecutor Ling Guong Zhin prosecuted.