

Indonesian fined, jailed for overstaying, illegal gambling

KUCHING: The Sessions Court here fined an Indonesian man RM10,000 in default eight months' jail after he pleaded guilty to overstaying in Malaysia.

Judge Musli Ab Hamid imposed the fine on Pusidi, 21, under Section 15(1)(c) of the Immigration Act 1959/63, punishable under Section 15(4) of the same Act, and ordered him to be referred to the Immigration Department for further action.

The Section provides for a minimum fine of RM10,000 or up to five years' imprisonment, or both, upon conviction.

According to the facts of the case, Pusidi was discovered to have illegally remained in Malaysia during a police raid at an eatery in Malihah Square, Jalan Matang here at about 1.30pm on April 23, 2026.

A check found that he had entered Sarawak through the Biawak border checkpoint on Feb 5, 2025 and that his social visit pass had expired on March 7 the same year.

Meanwhile in the Magistrates' Court, Pusidi was sentenced to one day in jail and fined another RM10,000 in default three months' imprisonment for his involvement in illegal online gambling activities.

Magistrate Ling Hui Chuan convicted Pusidi on his own



Pusidi (centre) and an individual involved in an unrelated case under police escort at the court lobby.

guilty plea to a charge under Section 4B(a) of the Common Gaming Houses Act 1953, which provides for a fine of between RM10,000 and RM100,000 for each gaming machine seized, as well as imprisonment of up to five years.

He committed the offence at the same place on the same date and time.

The facts of the case stated that during the police raid, Pusidi was operating a gambling

device, namely a mobile phone, to facilitate online gambling activities.

The accused was said to be selling identification details for an illegal online gambling platform using the mobile phone.

Deputy public prosecutors Adriana Maisarah Mohd Farid and Ahmad Fauzulutfi Suriani appeared separately for the prosecution, while the accused was unrepresented.