

Indonesian jailed for overstaying, fined for online gambling

MIRI: The Sessions Court here yesterday sentenced an Indonesian man to five months' jail for overstaying in Malaysia.

Judge Afidah Abdul Rahman convicted Muhammad Toriq on his own guilty plea, and also ordered for the accused to be referred to the Immigration Department for deportation upon his release.

The accused was charged under Section 15(1)(c) of the Immigration Act 1959/63 (Amendment 2002), punishable under Section 15(4) of the same Act, which provides for a fine not exceeding RM10,000 or up to five years' imprisonment, or both, upon conviction.

According to the facts of the case, Muhammad was detained by the authorities at a lot in Taman Gilbert here on Feb 28

this year after his social visit pass was discovered to have expired.

Meanwhile, in a separate proceeding before Magistrate Ashok Linggam, Muhammad pleaded guilty to engaging in online gambling in public and was fined RM3,000 in default four months' jail.

He was charged under Section 7(2) of the Common Gaming Houses Act 1953 with committing the offence at a lot in Taman Gilbert here on Feb 28 this year.

The Section provides for a fine not exceeding RM5,000 or up to six months' jail, or both, upon conviction.

Deputy public prosecutor Mohammad Syafiq Samry handled both cases, while the accused was unrepresented.