

Businessman gets two days' jail, RM70,000 fine for stealing electricity

KUCHING: The Sessions Court here sentenced a businessman to a total of two days in prison and fined him a total of RM70,000 in default 12 months' jail for two counts of electricity theft.

Alvin Chin Ngian Yik, 29, who previously claimed trial, changed his plea to guilty before Judge Iris Awen Jon yesterday to two charges under Section 33(5) of the Electricity Ordinance (Chapter 50).

He was sentenced to one day behind bars and fined RM35,000 in default six months' jail for each charge.

According to the charges, he stole electricity by installing foreign cables and bypassing electricity meters at a commercial premises near Moyan Square on Jalan Tondong-Batu Kawa on Aug 20, 2025.

The first offence took place between 10.30am and 11am, while the second offence occurred between 2pm and 3pm.

Deputy public prosecutor Ronald Felix Hardin from the State Attorney-General's Chambers told the court that Alvin, as the registered customer of the licensee, had dishonestly extracted electricity supply through direct tapping cables connected from the main wiring of the premises to the ground floor shop lot that he rented.

Alvin was represented by lawyers Clement Wong and Christopher Chin.

Several enforcement officers from the Ministry of Utility and Telecommunication as well as Syarikat Sesco Berhad Investigation Unit attended the proceedings.