

# Online gambling: Two Indonesians fined RM10,000 each, ordered deported

**KUCHING:** Two Indonesian men were fined RM10,000 each in default six months in jail at the Magistrates' Court here yesterday for dealing with a gaming machine.

Magistrate Mason Jaro Lenya Barayan imposed the fine against Roy, 20, and Suryanto, 27, after they each pleaded guilty to a charge framed under Section 4B(a) of the Common Gaming Houses Act 1953.

The Section carries a fine of between RM10,000 and

RM100,000 for each gambling machine seized, and jail of not more than five years, upon conviction.

The court also ordered the pair to be referred to the Malaysian Immigration Department for deportation after they settle the fine or serve their jail time.

They committed the offence at an apartment at Lorong Batu Kawa, Sunny Hill Garden here at 3.50pm on Nov 8, 2023.

Based on the facts of the case, a police team raided the premises

on suspicion it was being used as a 'calling centre' for online gambling activities, and arrested Roy and Suryanto.

Further checks at the apartment unit found a laptop and other items believed to be used to run the operation.

The laptop was later confirmed by an expert to have been used for online gambling activities.

Insp Merylene Lindan Andrew Mang prosecuted, while Roy and Suryanto were unrepresented by legal counsel.