



An Immigration officer in conversation with Padir at the court lobby. – Photo by Desiree David

Man pleads guilty to transporting illegal migrants, jailed 2 years

KUCHING: The High Court here yesterday sentenced a 55-year-old man to two years' imprisonment for transporting two Indonesian women into Malaysia last year.

Judge Datuk Faridz Gohim Abdullah convicted Padir Mohamad on his own guilty plea to a charge under Section 26J of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons and Anti-Smuggling of Migrants Act 2007.

The Section provides for imprisonment of up to five years or a fine not exceeding RM250,000, or both, upon conviction.

Padir committed the offence at the junction of KM45 in Stungkor Baru, Lundu at about 3.45pm on April 15, 2025.

Based on the facts of the case, Padir was driving a car when he was stopped for inspection by enforcement personnel conducting an Ops Serkap operation.

He was found to be

transporting two Indonesian female migrants identified as Sri Wahyuni and Fitriani, both 23, and all three were detained for further action.

Subsequent checks with the Malaysian Immigration Department showed Sri Wahyuni had previously entered Malaysia through the Biawak entry point on Sept 1, 2023, while Fitriani had no record of entry.

Both women were charged and sentenced accordingly yesterday after pleading guilty to charges under the Immigration Act 1959/63.

Sri Wahyuni was charged under Section 15(1)(c) with overstaying in Malaysia, and Fitriani under Section 6(1)(c) with entering Malaysia without a valid pass.

The prosecution was conducted by deputy public prosecutor Kong Siew Chuo, while Padir was represented by lawyer Abdul Rahman Mohamad Hazmi.