

Man pleads guilty to abetting unlicensed moneylenders, fined RM6,000

MIRI: A man was fined RM6,000 in default three months' jail by the Magistrates' Court here for aiding and abetting unlicensed moneylenders.

Richard Chen Yong Chow, 33, of Taman Desa Moyan, Jalan Batu Kawa, Kuching pleaded guilty before Magistrate Ashok Linggam after the charge under Section 29AA of the Moneylenders Act 1951 was read to him.

The Section carries up to two

years' jail or a fine not exceeding RM20,000, or both, upon conviction. Chen committed the offence in front of a restaurant in Jalan Sri Dagang here at around 8pm on Nov 25, 2025.

In mitigation, the accused appealed for a lighter sentence on the grounds that this was his first offence. The prosecution was conducted by Insp Mudzilawati Abdul Rahman, while the accused was unrepresented.