



MALTA

**IN THE COURT OF MAGISTRATES (MALTA)
AS COURT OF CRIMINAL JUDICATURE**

**MAGISTRATE
DR. CHARMAINE GALEA**

Today the 4th February 2017

**The Principal Immigration Officer
(Inspector Darren Buhagiar)**

vs.

**Farouk Idriss Tanko
(Italian Residence Permit card number IO6778078)**

The Court:

Having seen that the offender **Farouk Idriss Tanko** was charged with having on the 3rd February 2017 or previous days somewhere in these islands or somewhere else, forged, altered or tampered with a document, being an Italian Aliens passport or used or had in his possession same document, which he knew to be forged, altered or tampered with (Chap. 61, Sec. 5 of the Laws of Malta);

Also charged with having on same date, time and circumstances committed any other kind of forgery, or have knowingly made use of any other forged document mentioned above at Malta International Airport (Chap. 9, Sec. 189 of the Laws of Malta);

Also charged with having on same date, time and circumstances forged any document or true copy of a document or an entry made in pursuance of this act (Chap. 217, Sec. 32 (1d) of the Laws of Malta).

After having seen all the records of the case;

After having heard the offender plead guilty to the charges at an early stage of the proceedings, which guilty plea was confirmed by the same offender after the Court, in terms of section 453 (1) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, warned him of the legal consequences of that guilty plea, and allowed him sufficient time to re-consider his reply, and to change it;

After having heard the oral submissions on the punishment;

Considered that:

From the evidence brought forward and from the guilty plea registered by the offender himself, the Court concludes that the offender is guilty of the charges laid against him.

As regards the punishment, the Court took into consideration the fact that the offender admitted to the charges at a very early stage of the proceedings and that he co-operated with the police.

For these reasons the Court after having seen section 5 of Chapter 61 of the Laws of Malta, section 189 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta and section 32 (1) (d) of Chapter 217 of the Laws of Malta, on his admission finds offender **Farouk Idriss Tanko** guilty of the charges brought against him and condemns him to **one (1) year imprisonment which by application of section 28A (1) of Chapter 9 is being suspended for a period of four (4) years from today.**

In accordance with sections 28A (4) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, the Court explained in clear and simple language the meaning of this judgement to the offender, and the consequences which would follow if he fails to abide by it, that is if he commits another offence which is punishable by imprisonment within the operative period.

Dr. Charmaine Galea
Magistrate

Diane Gatt
Deputy Registrar