

THE COURT OF MAGISTRATES (MALTA) As a Court of Criminal Judicature

MAGISTRATE DR. CAROLINE FARRUGIA FRENDO B.A. (Legal and Humanistic Studies), LL.D., M.Juris (International Law), Dip. Trib. Eccl. Melit.

The Police Inspector Lara Butters vs Malang Kujabie

Today 26th July, 2019

The Court:

Having seen the charges brought against Malang Kujabie, holder of Gambian Passport number PC 547190;

Charged him with having on the 24th July, 2019 or days prior this date in these islands:

- 1. Of being in possession of a passport whether issued to him by a competent authority therefore an Italian passport issued on the name of Ceesay Sarjo, or not, transfers such passport to any other person, or receives a passport transferred to him by any other person (Chap 61, Sec 3 of the Laws of Malta);
- 2. Also of having made use, or attempts to make use of a passport issued to any other person (Chap 61, Sec 4 of the Laws of Malta);
- 3. Also of having made or caused to be made any false return, false statement or false representation (Chap 217, Sec 32(1c) of the Laws of Malta).

Having seen the Prosecuting Officer read out and confirming on oath the charges brought against the accused during the sitting of the 26th July, 2019.

Having seen all the documents exhibited in this case which are; the statement of the accused marked as Doc LB1; conviction sheet marked as Doc LB2; true copy of the passport marked as Doc LB3; personal details marked as Doc LB4; report from the Airport marked as Doc LB5; passport used to travel marked as Doc LB6.

The Court heard the accused register a guilty plea;

The Court has given the accused sufficient time to reconsider such guilty plea, has ordered the accused to consult with his lawyer of such guilty plea, and has explained the punishment that may be given in relation to the charges brought against his. The accused confirmed his guilty plea.

The Court:

Has listened to the evidence brought forward;

Has listened to the pleas made by both defence and prosecution.

Considered:

The Court is taking into consideration the early guilty plea registered by the accused in that the Court did not have to waste further sittings to hear evidence but with regards to the punishment which is to be inflicted, remarks that it is true that the accused has a clean criminal record and has pleaded guilty at a very early stage in these proceedings, but these offences are to be taken seriously due to security issues nationwide and abroad.

Decide:

The Court, after having seen Section 3 and 4 of Chapter 61 of the Laws of Malta and Section 32(1c) of Chapter 217 of the Laws of Malta, and upon admission of the same accused **Malang Kujabie**, finds the accused **Malang Kujabie**, guilty of the charges brought against him upon his own guilty plea and therefore condemns **Malang Kujabie** to an effective prison sentence of four (4) months.

Dr. Caroline Farrugia Frendo LL.D. Magistrate

Nadia Ciappara Deputy Registrar