



MALTA

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

**MAGISTRATE
DR. CHARMAINE GALEA**

Today the 26th of July 2025

**The Police
(Inspector Ian Azzopardi)**

vs

Alim Amirbhai Samnani

The Court,

Having seen that the defendant **Alim Amirbhai Samnani** was charged with having on the 25th of July 2025 and, or the preceding months at Identita' Agency situated at Valley Road, Msida:

1. In order to gain any advantage or benefit for himself or others, in any document intended for any public authority, knowingly made a false declaration or statement, or gave false information;
2. Committed any other kind of forgery, or knowingly made use of any other forged document not mentioned within the Criminal Code;
3. In relation to any information to be given under or for purposes of this Act (Immigration act), made or caused to be made any false return, false statement or false representation.

Having seen that the acts of the proceedings;

Having heard the defendant plead guilty to the charges brought against him, which guilty plea was confirmed after the Court explained to him the punishment for the charges and gave him time to reconsider such plea;

Having heard the submissions regarding the penalty to be meted out whereby both the Prosecution and the defence pleaded to the Court to mete out a non-custodial punishment since the defendant is to be deported to India.

Having considered:

The defendant admitted the charges brought against him and hence the Court is of the opinion that the same charges have been sufficiently proven;

Regarding the penalty to be meted out, the Court took into consideration the nature of the offences and the defendant's clean conviction sheet and also the plea of the Prosecution and the defence that the Court may, at its discretion, impose a suspended custodial term instead of an effective one.

DECIDE

Wherefore the Court, after having seen article 32 (1) (c) of Chapter 217 of the Laws of Malta articles 188 and 189 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, on his admission finds the defendant **Alim Amirbhai Samnani** guilty of all the charges brought against him and condemns him to twelve (12) months imprisonment which by application of article 28A of the Criminal Code are being suspended to two (2) year 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 defendant, 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

Antonella Cassar
Deputy Registrar