



**COURT OF MAGISTRATES (MALTA)  
AS A COURT OF CRIMINAL JUDICATURE**

**MAGISTRATE DR.  
AUDREY DEMICOLI**

Sitting of the 25 th March, 2009

Number 291/2009

**Police  
(Inspector Edel Mary Camilleri)**

**vs**

**Imuru Bawa Ridwan  
Joseph Amoah Barcha  
Sana Harruna Hassem  
Patrcick Achampo**

The Court,

Having seen the charges brought against, Imuru Bawa Ridwan of 29 years, son of Imuru Bawa and Halima, born in Niger on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1980, residing in Hal Far Open Centre Malta and holding police number 06H-003, Central Immigration Reference number CIO 73175 and Amoah Barcha Joseph of 29 years, son of Barcha and

Grace, born in Liberia on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 1980, residing in Hal Far Open Centre Malta and holding police number 07Q-27, Central Immigration Reference number CIO 76997 and Sana Harruna Hassem of 18 years, son of Hassem and of Sofia, born in Burkina Faso on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February 1991 and residing in Hal Far Open Centre Malta and holding police number 071-024, Central Immigration Reference number CIO 76848 and Achampo Patrick of 31 years, son of Frank and Marylanima, born in Ghana on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 1977 and residing in Hal Far Open Centre, Malta and holding police number 07R-002, Central Immigration Reference number CIO 77012. were arraigned before her and charged with having :

On the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009, previous dates and later dates in Malta, received a passport transferred to them by any other person and this in violation of Article 3(b) of Chapter 61 of the Laws of Malta.

Under the same circumstances, in Malta made use or attempted to make use of a passport issued to any person and this in violation of Article 4 of Chapter 61 of the Laws of Malta.

Under the same circumstances, in Malta made use or caused to be made a false return, false statement or false representation and/or furnished the Principal Immigration Officer with false information, and this in violation of Article 32 (1c) of Chapter 217 of the Laws of Malta.

Having heard the accused plead guilty to all the charges brought against them, notwithstanding the fact that the Court warned them of the consequences of their guilty plea after having afforded them sufficient time within which to withdraw their guilty plea.

Having heard the accused plead guilty to all the charges brought against them the Court has no alternative but to find the accused guilty of all the said charges brought against them.

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With regards to punishment the Court took into consideration the fact that they pleaded guilty at an early stage of the proceedings and the fact that they fully co-operated during the course of the police investigations.

The Court after having seen sections 3(b) and 4 of Chapter 61 of the Laws of Malta and sections 32 (1c) of Chapter 217 of the Laws of Malta as well as section 17 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta finds all the accused guilty of all the charges brought against them and condemns them to two (2) years imprisonment which in terms of section 28A of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta are being suspended for a period of four (4) years from today.

In terms of section 401(3) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, the Court orders that a copy of this judgement together with the acts of these proceedings are sent to the Attorney General within the time limit stipulated by Law.

The Court declares that it has explained to the defendants the serious implications of Article 28A of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta should the defendants commit any crime within the period when the sentence is suspended.

**< Final Judgement >**

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