



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

**MAGISTRATE DR.  
CONSUELO-PILAR SCERRI HERRERA**

Sitting of the 13 th January, 2010

Number 34/2010

**The Police  
Inspector Mario Haber  
V**

**ABDUL ALI GHANIJU**

**The Court**

Having seen that the accused **ABDUL ALI GHANIJU**, Ghanian national born in Eldura, Ghana, on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 1991, son of Abdul Ali and Mejmuna, known with police number 08000-20 presently residing at the Safi Detention Centre, was arraigned before her accused:-

1. With having on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010 in these Islands forged, altered or tampered with a passport, identity card and residence permit card or used or had in his possession a passport, identity card and residence permit card which he knew to be forged, altered

or tampered with bearing numbers 45331, AR4884842 and O051724 respectively;

2. For having also on the same date, time and circumstances committed any other kind of forgery or have knowingly made use of any other forged document in the mentioned documents;

3. For having also on the same date, time and circumstances forged any document or true copy of a document or an entry made in pursuance of this act;

4. For having also on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009 escaped from a place of public custody that is Safi Detention Centre.

Having seen all the documents exhibited in the acts of these proceedings by the Prosecution in particular the three official documents, exhibited animo ritirandi the consent of the Attorney General and police documentation.

Having heard the accused declare that he understands the English language well and that he understood the charges brought forward against him by the prosecution.

Having heard the accused plead guilty to the charges brought forward against him.

The Court explained to the accused the consequences of his plea of guilt and after having given the accused sufficient time to reconsider his plea of guilt and saw that the same accused insisted on registering in the acts of these proceedings his plea of guilt, had no alternative but to register such plea.

In the light of the above plea of guilt which guilty plea was made voluntarily, expressly and unconditionally, the Court is satisfied that the accused is to be found guilty of the charges brought forward against him.

The Court considered the fact that the prosecution declared that the accused corroborated with the same during these proceedings.

The Court also noted that these offences are lately becoming very frequent and thus wants to send a message to the society in general, that those who commit these types of crimes will end up behind closed doors.

**Thus the Court** having seen the relevant sections at law in particular Section 5 of Chapter 61, 189 of Chapter 9, 32(1)(d) of Chapter 217 and 151 and 152 of Chapter 9 of the the Laws of Malta **decides to find the accused ABDUL ALI GHANIJU guilty of the charges brought against him by the prosecution and condemns him for a period of six (6) months imprisonment.**

**Finally the Court orders that a copy of this judgement together with the acts of these proceedings be sent to the Attorney General within three (3) days in terms of Section 401(3) of the Criminal Code.**

**< Final Judgement >**

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