

**In The Court of Magistrates  
(GOZO)  
As a Court of Criminal Judicature  
Qorti tal-Magistrati  
(Ghawdex)**

Magistrate : Dr. Paul Coppini LL.D.

Sitting : Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2002 .

Case Number : 13/2002 .

The Principal Immigration Officer  
(Inspector Neville Xuereb)

VS

1. Okbe Haila Tekste, s/o Okbehaila b/Asmara in 1969
2. Grezher Amanuel, s/o Grezher b/Eritrea 1958 .
3. Tesle Amanuel, s/o Hajle b/Asmara in 1970 .
4. Teklebrhan Minassie, s/o Tahlebrihan b/Karan on the 01/09/76 .
5. Ibrahane Yosef, s/o Berhane b/Asmara in 1972 .
6. Asmalash Yosef, s/o Asmalash b/Asmara in 1972 .
7. Kinfed Mehari, s/o Kinfed b/Asmara in 1964 .
8. Tolde Jakob, s/o Tolde b/Asmara in 1966 .
9. Habta Tasfei, s/o Habtab b/Abrumen, Sudan on the 18.06/81 .
10. Kalam Kidame, s/o Kalam b/Eritrea in 1966 .
11. Yones Amanuel, s/o Abrhet b/Eritrea on the 02/11.77 .
12. Kibron Samare, s/o Samare b/Eritrea in 1980 .
13. Iabio Maratab, s/o Kesfa b/Asmara in 1969 .
14. Zera Emanuel, s/o Zera b/Adiekeih in 1972 .
15. Weid Johannes, s/o Weidt b/Smara in 1980 .
16. Kasay Michael, s/o Tolde b/Ginda in 1967 .

All Eritrean Nationals .

The Court ;

Having seen the charge by which accused were charged with having on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2002 and on the previous days without having been granted a residence permit landed or were in Malta without leave from the Principal Immigration Officer .

And also that they cannot show that they have the means to sustain themselves and can become a charge on public funds .

The Court is also requested to order the forfeiture of the vessel used in the commission of the crime, that is the boat named, “Abdulrahman” which has been exhibited in the proceedings of the present case .

The Court was also requested that besides awarding the punishments according to Law, to declare the above mentioned persons as prohibited immigrants and issue a removal order against them in terms of Sections 14 and 15 of Chapter 217 of the Laws of Malta .

Having heard the defence lawyer of the accused plead guilty to the charges as indicated, the Court therefore finds accused guilty as charged, condemns them to week imprisonment suspended for a period of one month from today . This without prejudice of any application for refugee status which accused may apply for .

Court also orders the forfeiture of the vessel indicated in the charge “Abdulrahman” in favour of the Government of Malta .

The Court also orders the removal of all the accused in terms of sections 14 and 15 of Chapter 217 of the Laws of Malta .

(ft) Paul Coppini  
Magistrate  
(ft) Francis Attard  
Deputy Registrar .

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