



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

**Magistrate Dr Monica Vella LL.D., M.Jur.**

**Case Number 4595/2022**

**The Police  
(Inspector Christian Abela)**

**vs**

**Yahaya Alhassan**

**Today, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022**

The Court;

Having seen the accusations brought against:

**“Yahaya Alhassan, holder of Police number 22CA-058:**

And charge him with having on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and in the previous days in Malta, altered or tampered with, or used or had in their possession an Identity Card, which he knew to be forged, altered or tampered with. (Cap. 61, Sec 5 of the Laws of Malta)

And charge him also with having on same period, time and circumstances, committed any other kind of forgery, or have knowingly made use of any other forged document, in the mentioned document. (Cap. 9, Sec. 189 of the Laws of Malta)

And charge him also with having on same period, time and circumstances, without lawful authority used or had in his possession any document required for the purposes of this Act which is forged. (Cap. 217, Sec. 32 (1f) of the Laws of Malta).”

Having seen all documents exhibited by the Prosecution;

Having seen the records of the case;

Having heard the submissions made by the Prosecution and by the Defence;

Having duly considered all the records of the case and all submissions made;

Having explained to the accused the charges brought against him;

Having heard the accused plead guilty to said charges in today’s sitting, and this in the presence of Defence Counsel Dr. Peter Fenech;

Having warned the accused of the legal consequences of such guilty plea and having given the accused further time to reconsider his guilty plea and having heard the accused reconfirm his guilty plea during his arraignment before this Court and thus said guilty plea was registered in the acts of today’s sitting, the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022;

**Considered:**

**The Facts of the Case**

That the accused has been charged with having (1) on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and in the previous days in Malta, altered or tampered with, or used or had in their possession an Identity Card, which he knew to be forged, altered or tampered with; (2) on same period, time and circumstances, committed any other kind of forgery, or have knowingly made use of any other forged document, in the mentioned document; (3) on same period, time and circumstances, without lawful authority used or had in his possession any document required for the purposes of this Act which is forged.

**Considered:**

That although in the first sitting the accused Yahaya Alhassan declared himself not guilty, during the sitting of 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022, he registered a guilty plea.

That thus upon such guilty plea the Court can only find the accused guilty as charged;

That in pronouncing its judgement the Court is hereby taking into consideration the fact that the accused registered an early guilty plea, that the accused collaborated with the Police, and the nature and gravity of the accusations with which he is charged;

**Decide:**

Thus, the Court, after having seen Article 5 of Chapter 6 of the Laws of Malta, Article 189 of the Laws of Malta, and Article 32(1)(f) of Chapter 217 of the Laws of Malta hereby finds the accused guilty as charged and

condemns the accused to a term of effective imprisonment of eight (8) months.

*(ft) Magistrate Dr. Monica Vella LL.D., M.Jur*

(ft) Angelo Buttigieg

Deputy Registrar