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## **PUBLIC PROSECUTOR CHARGED LOCAL MAN FOR PROFITING FROM THE EXPLOITATION OF TRAFFICKED PERSONS**

On Saturday, 11 June 2022, the Public Prosecutor brought charges against a 44-year old local male, Wan Nasyran bin Haji Osman for the offence of profiting from the exploitation of two (2) trafficked Bangladeshi workers.

Deputy Public Prosecutors Hajah Rozaimah Haji Abd Rahman and Nor'adliatul Hidayah Hj Mohd Zaidi appeared in the High Court before the Honourable Judicial Commissioner Muhammed Faisal bin PDJLD DSP Haji Kefli.

Wan Nasyran was charged with one (1) count under section 6 of the Trafficking and Smuggling of Persons Order, 2004 and two (2) counts under section 7 of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act, Chapter 230.

As the offence of profiting from the exploitation of trafficked persons took place between April 2019 and January 2021, the charges brought by the Public Prosecutor thus fall under both the Trafficking and Smuggling of Person Order, 2004 and the Anti-Trafficking in Person Act.

A Bangladeshi male, Khairul Bashar, was charged in relation to this case on 29 March 2022 with two (2) counts under section 4 of the Trafficking and Smuggling of Persons Order, 2004 for committing the offence of people trafficking. Subsequently, on 11 April 2022, the Public Prosecutor brought four (4) additional counts against Khairul Bashar for the same offence.

Upon application made by the Public Prosecutor yesterday, the High Court consolidated both criminal matters against both the defendants, Khairul Bashar and Wan Nasyran bin Haji Osman. Following their pleas of not guilty, the High Court fixed the case for trial in February 2023.

If found guilty, both the defendants are liable to a fine not exceeding BND\$1,000,000, imprisonment for a maximum term of 30 years and whipping.

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