



ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS

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“PUBLIC PROSECUTOR CHARGES BANGLADESHI NATIONAL FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING”

The Public Prosecutor today brought charges against a 42-year old Bangladeshi male national for the offence of human trafficking. Deputy Public Prosecutors Hjh Rozaimah Hj Abdul Rahman, Aminudin Zaki Dato Abdul 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.

Khairul Bashar was charged with two counts under section 4 of the Trafficking and Smuggling of Persons Order, 2004 for committing the offence of people trafficking. Investigations conducted by the Human Trafficking Investigation Unit of the Royal Brunei Police Force revealed that the Defendant is alleged to have trafficked two Bangladeshi victims to Brunei Darussalam in 2018 through deception for the purposes of forced labour.

The incidents having occurred in 2018, before the entry into force of the current Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act, Chapter 230, means the charges brought by the Public Prosecutor automatically fall under the Trafficking and Smuggling of Persons Order, 2004.

The charges were read to and understood by the Defendant and if found guilty of the offences, the Defendant is liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000,000, imprisonment for a maximum of 30 years and whipping.

The Court granted the Public Prosecutor's application for adjournment to finalise the charges against the Defendant and the case will be heard again in the High Court on 11 April 2022.

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