

## KILLING OF E-HAILING DRIVER

## Ex-Esscom intel chief freed of murder charge

**TAWAU:** The High Court here acquitted and discharged eight individuals linked to the murder of a 61-year-old e-hailing driver.

They are former Eastern Sabah Security Command intelligence chief Datuk Mat Zaki Md Zain, six police officers and a civilian.

Judge Datuk Duncan Sikodol made the ruling after deputy public prosecutor Khairul Azreem Mamat informed the court that he did not wish to proceed with the charges against the accused.

Khairul Azreem said the request was made under Section 254 of the Criminal Procedure Code, after taking into account the latest developments in the trial.

The hearing was supposed to resume yesterday, but everyone in the courtroom was shocked by the testimony of the 23rd witness, Nurimah Juli, 35, who admitted to killing the e-hailing driver, Nurman Bakaratu, in Anjur Juara Street, Batu 5 Jalan Apas, at



Former Eastern Sabah Security Command intelligence chief Datuk Mat Zaki Md Zain (centre) with his family at the Tawau High Court yesterday. PIC BY ABDUL RAHEMANG TAIMING

around 8pm on Jan 13 last year.

It is understood that Nurimah is the former wife of the victim.

On July 7, Mat Zaki, 58, was brought to court on charges related to the murder of the e-hailing driver.

He was accused of conspiring with John Kennedy Sanggah to murder Nurman in a palm oil plantation.

The charge was framed under

Section 109 of the Penal Code read together with Section 302 of the Penal Code.

On Feb 8, Mat Zaki was also alleged to have conspired with six other accused, namely Rosdi Rastam, 44; Denis Anit, 44; Fabian Rungam 43; Khairul Azman Bakar, 47; Mohd Azlan Sakaran, 39; and, Vivien Fabian, 34, to murder Nurman at the same place and time.

## RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR

## IGP: No report of Malaysian mercenaries fighting for Russia

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Police have not received any report of Malaysians fighting as mercenaries for Russia in the eastern Ukraine region of Donetsk.

Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Razarudin Husain said checks by federal Special Branch officers in Bukit Aman with their counterparts in Europe had turned up empty so far.

"There has been no information about our citizens being hired by any country, including Ukraine, as has been reported," he said.

It was reported that the Ukrainian military claimed Russia was using mercenaries from various countries, including Malaysia, in its war against Ukraine.

The Ukraine National Resistance Centre disclosed that Malaysian mercenaries, accompanied by a translator and a former member of the disbanded Wagner private military firm, had been identified in Donetsk.

"The fighters are currently un-

dergoing training at the designated ground," it claimed.

In addition to Malaysians, mercenaries from Cuba, Nepal, Belarus, Serbia and others had been observed fighting alongside the Russian armed forces, it said.

Razarudin said police would not compromise with any Malaysian found to be acting as mercenaries or terrorists in other countries.

However, he said, mercenaries might not necessarily be seen as terrorists as they could be merely representing a certain nation and not a terror organisation.

"We can take stern action under the Special Measures Against Terrorism in Foreign Countries Act 2015 if there are Malaysian citizens who we find has committed acts of terror.

"We always exchange information with the government and Immigration Department. If we find any Malaysian has become a terrorist or a mercenary, we will void their passports."

## E-invoice eases transactions

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Inland Revenue Board (IRB) is set to implement the e-Invoice system on a mandatory basis for taxpayers with an annual income or sales exceeding RM100 million from Aug 1.

For taxpayers in other income categories, this will be enforced in phases from July 1 next year.

This shift reflects the government's commitment to adopting digital advancements and reducing dependence on manual procedures, propelling Malaysia towards a digital economy.

The implementation of e-Invoice not only provides a seamless experience to taxpayers, but also improves business efficiency through invoicing process automation and by reducing administrative tasks, as well as increasing tax compliance across businesses of all sizes.

Traditionally, businesses issue hardcopy or softcopy receipts, bills or invoices to record transactions, such as the sale of products or services.

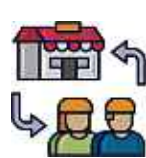
For tax purposes, both the business (supplier) and consumer (buyer) must retain proper transaction records, either in paper or digital form, as proof of expense or revenue.

With the implementation of the e-Invoice system, businesses will be mandated to issue e-Invoices for all transactions.

With the rollout of e-Invoice, two key scenarios emerge for business-to-consumer transactions:

## BEFORE VS AFTER E-INVOICE IMPLEMENTATION

## BEFORE



Business-to-Consumer

1



Supplier issues normal receipts / bills / invoices to buyer

2



Supplier maintains records of business transactions for accounting and tax purposes

2



Buyer retains normal receipts / bills / invoices for tax purposes

## AFTER



Business-to-Consumer

1



Supplier issues and validates e-Invoice with IRB



Supplier shares validated e-Invoice with buyer while business transactions are automatically recorded and stored in the system for tax purposes

Buyer accesses and downloads the e-Invoice to substantiate the transaction for tax purposes



3

**Scenario 1:** When the consumer requires an e-Invoice from the business

**Scenario 2:** When the consumer does not require an e-Invoice

If a consumer requests for an e-Invoice, the business must obtain the required information from the consumer to facilitate the issuance of an e-Invoice.

An e-Invoice that has been validated by IRB in near real-time can be used as the consumer's proof of expense to sub-

stantiate a particular transaction for tax purposes.

To facilitate compliance with e-Invoice requirements and ease the burden on both businesses and consumers, IRB allows businesses to aggregate transactions with consumers who do not need an e-Invoice into a monthly consolidated e-Invoice for IRB's validation, within seven calendar days after the month end.

Where the consumer does not require an e-Invoice, the business will issue a regular receipt or invoice to the consumer and it will not be required to be submitted for IRB's validation.

In the event the consumer requires an e-Invoice after receiving a regular receipt or invoice from the business, the consumer can request for an e-Invoice from the business within the same month of the transaction.

For more information on e-Invoice, taxpayers can access and download the e-Invoice general and specific guidelines through the IRB official portal.

Any questions or feedback may be channelled to IRB through its care line at 03-8911 1000 or 03-8911 1100 (International); its HASiL live chat; or, the feedback form on IRB's official portal at [maklumbalaspelanggan.hasil.gov.my/MaklumBalas/ms-my/public](http://maklumbalaspelanggan.hasil.gov.my/MaklumBalas/ms-my/public).

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