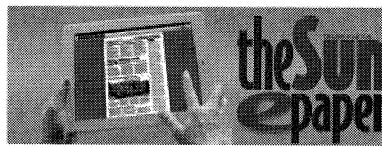


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Company director, daughter jailed for money laundering

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KOTA TINGGI (Sept 30, 2013): A director of a direct-selling company and his daughter were fined a total of RM5.45 million and RM1 million, respectively, after they were found guilty on 27 counts of illegal deposit taking and money laundering between 2002 and 2010.

Shamsudin Mahadi, 49, was also sentenced to a total of almost 39 years for the offence, while his daughter, Shafila, 26, sentenced to a total of two years and six months jail.

However, judge Salawati Djambari ordered them to serve the jail sentence concurrently from today. This means Shamsuddin would serve time for five years, while Shafila would be in jail for two years.

Salawati handed down the sentence after finding that the defence had failed to raise doubts against the charges made against the two accused, who are from Tanjung Setajam, Pengerang near here.

She also ordered the money owned by the accused which had been frozen to be forfeited under Section 55 (1) of the Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorism Financing Act 2001.

However, she allowed an application by the defence for a stay of the sentence pending an appeal and imposed bail of RM60,000 on Shamsuddin and RM30,000 on Shafila.

Shamsuddin and Shafila, who are managing directors of Dencomm Sales and Services, were charged with committing the offences between February 2002 and April 2010 at A16 and A17, Kedai Pusat Bandar Penawar near here.

Deputy public prosecutor Mohd Farez Rahman and Bank Negara officer Fahmi Abdul Moin prosecuted, while Shamsuddin and Shafila were represented by lawyer George Bernard.

The father and daughter later posted the bail. – *Bernama*

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