

INDIA: US preacher to be deported

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The Ernakulam First Class Judicial Magistrate Court on Tuesday ordered the deportation of United States evangelist and preacher William Lee.

He was detained by the police for violating visa norms. The court also sentenced him to three-day imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs.10,000 on him.

Mr. Lee, who arrived on a multiple-entry tourist visa valid till March 20, 2012, went into hiding after the police found him violating visa norms by addressing the gospel convention named 'Musical Splash 2011,' organised by Faith Leaders Church of God, Tiruvalla, at the Jawaharlal Nehru International Stadium, Kaloor, on October 12. He was arrested from a hotel in the city on October 15 and remanded till Tuesday. Mr. Lee was shifted to the Thrissur Government Medical College on Sunday after he complained of chest pain.

The magistrate said as the accused had served three-days in jail during remand period, he should be deported after getting permission from the District Collector.

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