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Japanese newsmen fined for illegal exit

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Tak — The Mae Sot provincial court yesterday fined two Japanese freelance cameramen 3,000 baht each for illegally leaving Thailand and overstaying their visas.

The two Japanese — 44-year-old Naoki Mabuchi and 43-year-old Shousuke Thaeuchi — crossed the border from Mae Sot into eastern Burma on September 12.

They were arrested by Burmese troops on September 17 and released last week.

After the court's verdict yesterday, they were taken to the Mae Sot district police station for night detention before being sent to Immigration headquarters in Bangkok for deportation.

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