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Five women candidates for syariah court judges to be interviewed

PERLIS may appoint two women as lower syariah court judges instead of one as earlier announced.

*Utusan Malaysia* reported that Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim said five women candidates would be interviewed today by officers from the state secretariat, state syariah judiciary department and state Islamic department.

On his earlier statement to the media stating the appointment of a 23-year-old woman as the first female lower syariah court judge, Shahidan said he was mistaken about her age. She is 26 years old.

The Malaysia Syariah Lawyers Association (PGSM) then raised an objection, questioning if the woman fulfilled all the criteria needed.

Shahidan told reporters the woman had not confirmed her acceptance of the position, hence the interview for the five other potential candidates.

The Menteri Besar assured all parties the five candidates were qualified with vast experience in Syariah law.

Right after the interview, names of suitable candidates would be submitted to the state government for deliberation at the state executive councillors' meeting next Wednesday.

### **Malaysians may throw 30,000 tonnes of waste by 2020**

> *Berita Harian* reported Malaysians were expected to throw out 30,000 tonnes of solid waste daily by 2020.

Quoting Housing and Local Government Ministry parliamentary secretary Dr S. Subramaniam, the paper said 24% of the waste was from plastic material.

Subramaniam urged consumers to reduce the use of plastic bags.

He added a few hypermarkets such as Carrefour, Tesco and Mydin had begun to play their part by organising various campaigns to reduce the use of plastic bags.

Subramaniam, when speaking at a seminar organised by the Malaysian Plastics Forum said consumers could practise the 3R of reuse, reduce and recycle by taking carrier bags during their shopping trips.

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