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Lab helper fined for insulting Sultan

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KUALA LUMPUR: A private school lab assistant was fined RM10,000 in default five months' jail for posting offensive comments against the Sultan of Perak on the Internet last month.

Azrin Md Zain, 33, who is attached to Kota Damansara school, became the first person to be convicted in the summons case under the Multimedia and Communications Act 1998.



Land surveyor Nor Hisham Osman, 36, pleaded not guilty to committing the offence at his residence in Seri Kembangan on Feb 11.

He is among six people who were charged in several states yesterday with posting profane remarks against the Perak Sultan.

At the Sessions Court here, Azrin admitted to having sent his comments from his house in Taman Tun Dr Ismail here to the guestbook at books.dreambook.com/duli/duli.html which has a link to the Sultan's official website at 9.12pm on Feb 12.

He admitted before judge Rozana Ali Yusoff that he had made a blunder posting the comments.

"I was not in the right state of mind. I was in the midst of doing online forex trading to New York. My profits were negative. So I just clicked to the website. I posted the comments without thinking.

"I will not touch the website any more because Malaysians are actually sensitive," he promised.

In mitigating further, Azrin said he was not a member of any political party. His father paid his fine later.

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Rozana set his bail at RM3,000 in one surety and April 8 for mention.

In PETALING JAYA, land surveyor Nor Hisham Osman, 36, pleaded not guilty to committing the same offence at his residence in Seri Kembangan on Feb 11.

A visibly shaken Nor Hisham said: "I didn't know what came over me at that time. I've been under a lot of stress since my son died (of drowning) last year."

Judge Balqis Ali Mohd Ali fixed bail at RM4,000 in one surety and April 4 for hearing.

In KOTA KINABALU, mobile phone shop owner Rutinin Suhaimin, 36, pleaded not guilty before Sessions Court judge Ummu Kalthom Abdul Samad who fixed May 25 and 26 for trial.

Rutinin allegedly committed a similar offence at 6.33pm on Feb 13 at a shop in the interior Kundasang town at the foothills of Mount Kinabalu. He was released on a RM10,000 bail.

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Mobile phone shop owner Rutinin Suhaimin, 36, claimed trial to the charge of committing the offence in the interior Kundasang town.

In **BUTEN WORTH**, a couple was jointly charged at the Sessions Court with similar offences.



Chan Hon Keong, 26, claimed trial to committing the offence in Permatang Pauh. His wife Khoo Hui Shuang was not in court.

Businessman Chan Hon Keong, 26, claimed trial to committing the offence at his house in Permatang Pauh on Feb 13. His wife Khoo Hui Shuang, 27, was not present when the charge was read as she was away in Sarawak.

Chan was released on a RM6,000 bail. His case will be mentioned on April 15.

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