

Lecturer ordered to enter defence on drug abuse charge

KUCHING: A lecturer at a government training institution was yesterday ordered to enter his defence on a charge of abusing amphetamine and methamphetamine two years ago.

Magistrate Nursyaheeqa Nazwa Radzali ruled that the prosecution had succeeded in establishing a prima facie case against Mohammad Amirul Azizi Yusup, 38, at the end of the prosecution's case.

"The prosecution has proven all the elements under Section 15(1)(a) of the Dangerous Drugs Act (DDA) 1952.

"All objections and doubts raised by the defence counsel had been answered and clarified by the prosecution in its submissions," said the magistrate.

The magistrate also ruled that the accused's urine sample had been lawfully obtained by the police in accordance with the

provisions of Section 31A of the DDA.

Mohammad Amirul was charged with committing the offence at the Kuching Narcotics Criminal Investigation Division office at about 12.30am on March 5, 2024.

The charge was framed under Section 15(1)(a) of the DDA, punishable under Section 15(1) of the same Act.

If convicted, he faces up to two years' imprisonment or a fine not exceeding RM5,000, and police supervision for up to three years.

The court fixed March 13, 2026 for the defence proceedings, with the accused expected to give sworn testimony.

The prosecution led by deputy public prosecutor Chuah Kai Sheng had called seven witnesses, including the arresting officer, escort officer, pathologist, and investigating officer.

The accused was represented by counsel Osman Ibrahim.