

# **Man fined RM2,000 over illegal online gambling charge**

**MIRI:** The Magistrates' Court here yesterday fined a man RM2,000 in default one month in prison after he pleaded guilty to gambling illegally in a public place.

Abdul Khalid Sham, 24, of Kampung Pujut Padang Kerbau was charged under Section 7(2) of the Common Gaming Houses Act 1953, which provides for a maximum fine of RM5,000 or up to six months in jail, or both, upon conviction.

Based on facts of the case, a police team led by ACP Alexson Naga Chabu inspected a premises at Jalan Marina here, at 6.10pm during an Ops Dadu operation on April 27 this year. There, police nabbed Abdul Khalid on suspicion of him engaging in online gambling, after discovering an online gambling app on his smartphone.

In mitigation, the accused appealed to the court for a lenient sentence, saying that it was his first offence and that he had no fixed income. Insp Syahrizan Taha prosecuted before Magistrate Nazira Adlin Ahmad Khairul Razi, while Abdul Khalid was unrepresented.