

Online gambling: Man fined RM2,500

KUCHING: A 26-year-old man was fined RM2,500 in default three months in jail after pleading guilty in the Magistrates' Court here yesterday to engaging in online gambling in a public area.

Magistrate Ling Hui Chuan imposed the fine on the accused under Section 7(2) of the Common Gaming Houses Act 1953, which provides for a fine not exceeding RM5,000 or imprisonment of up to six months, or both.

The offence was committed at an eatery in Mile 4 Jalan Matang here at around 1pm on Aug 21, 2025.

Based on the facts of the case, police conducting an Op Dadu operation inspected the accused, who was sitting inside the premises, on suspicion of online gambling activities.

A check found his mobile phone contained elements of online gambling, resulting in his

arrest.

Seized from him were his mobile phone, a piece of paper containing an ID and password, and RM113 in cash.

Experts later confirmed the mobile phone contained an online gambling application.

Prosecuting was deputy public prosecutor Adriana Maisarah Mohd Farid, while the accused was unrepresented.