

Online gambling: Man pleads guilty, fined RM2,000

KUCHING: The Magistrates' Court here yesterday fined a man RM2,000 in default two months' imprisonment for engaging in online gambling in a public area.

Magistrate Ling Hui Chuan imposed the fine on Mohd Atiq Shefei Rosman, 32, after he pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 7(2) of the Common Gaming House Act 1953.

The Section carries a fine not exceeding RM5,000 or imprisonment for up to six months, or both, upon conviction.

Mohd Atiq committed the offence in front of a convenience

store on Jalan Bako here at around 3.20pm on March 4, 2026.

Based on the facts of the case, the accused was sitting at the five-foot way of the said premises when police detained him on suspicion of online gambling activities.

A check of his mobile phone found it contained an online gambling application.

The device and RM10 in cash were seized from him as evidence.

Deputy public prosecutor Ahmad Fauzulutfi Suriani prosecuted, while the accused was unrepresented by legal counsel.