

# Man pleads guilty to gambling online in public, fined RM2,500

**MIRI:** The Magistrates' Court here yesterday fined a man RM2,500 in default two months in prison for engaging in online gambling in a public place.

Hamidin Kula, 40, from Sematan, Lundu pleaded guilty before Magistrate Ashok Linggam after the charge under Section 7(2) of the Common Gaming Houses Act 1953 was read to him.

The Section provides for a fine not exceeding RM5,000 or up to six months' jail, or both, upon conviction.

According to the facts of the

case, the accused was detained by police at a lot along Jalan North Yu Seng here at around 2.15pm on Aug 24 on suspicion of involvement in online gambling activities.

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

In mitigation, Hamidin pleaded for a lighter sentence, citing this was his first offence and that he is married with two children.

Deputy public prosecutor Luqman Hakim Sahrol Bahar handled the prosecution, while the accused was without legal representation.