

# Technician guilty of graft charge

**SYARIKAT Bekalan Air Selangor's technician Soid Daud was sentenced to three months' jail and fined RM10,000 by the Kuala Lumpur Sessions Court yesterday after he was found guilty of accepting a RM500 bribe.**

Soid, 49, accepted RM500 from one Mohd Anwar Mohd Sulaiman at 3.45pm on June 29, 2000, as a fee to expedite the approval of an application for a proposed housing and commercial development in Dengkil, Sepang.

He accepted the money at a food stall in Kampung Kerinchi.

Soid's defence that the money was a fee for a broker was rejected by judge Rosenani Abdul Rahman.

In mitigation, counsel Mohd Radzuan Ibrahim pleaded for a lighter sentence as the latter was the sole breadwinner in his family.

"He has an unblemished record of 23 years of service with Syabas (Syarikat Bekalan Air Selangor), and he has to finance the studies of his three children who are pursuing tertiary education," said Mohd Radzuan.

Anti-Corruption Agency's prosecuting officer Mohd Ahsan Ab Latif said a heavy penalty should be imposed to reflect the seriousness of the offence.

Mohd Radzuan later applied for a stay of execution pending an appeal. His application was allowed by the court.



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