

# Technician pays high price for taking small bribe

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** A high price for a small bribe.

This is what a technician of Syarikat Bekalan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd had to pay when he was sentenced to three months' jail and fined RM10,000 or one year's jail for accepting a RM500 bribe from a project manager.

The bribe was to speed up the approval of the plans for a residence and shop premises in Dengkil, Sepang.

Soid Daud, 49, was found guilty by the Sessions Court yesterday of accepting the money from Mohd Anuar Mohd Sulaiman at a Kuala Lumpur City Hall food stall at Kampung Kerinchi about 3.45pm on June 29, 2000.

He was then a draughtsman at the department.

In mitigation, Soid's counsel Dr Mohd Radzuan Ibrahim said he had been serving the government for 28 years and the amount involved was small.


Radzuan, who pressed for a light sentence, said Soid was the sole breadwinner of his family and had to support his wife and three children.

Deputy public prosecutor Mohd Ahsan Ab Latif said bribery was a serious offence. "As a government servant, he was not supposed to accept the money in the first place," he said.

Judge Rosenani Abdul Rahman said the court was satisfied with the prosecution's evidence.

"The defendant's excuse that the money was not a bribe but a deposit for a land broker's fees was not strongly supported," she said. She ordered the sentence to begin from yesterday.

Radzuan informed the court that he would file for a stay of execution pending an appeal.



Soid Daud being led out of the court after he was sentenced to three months' jail and fined RM10,000.