

# In court on bribery charge

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## Land and Mines Dept staff accused of taking a cut from bauxite deals

**KUANTAN:** Two Pahang Land and Mines officers have pleaded not guilty to charges of accepting bribes to provide protection for an illegal bauxite miner.

Assistant land officer Fadly Ab Malek, 35, was charged with accepting RM35,000 from Anurul Hiraq Abu Bakar as an inducement to protect his illegal mining activities through the sale of "13D" forms.

The offence was allegedly committed in a car next to a restaurant in Kampung Baru Peramu here between 4pm and 4.30pm on Nov 18.

Fadly was also charged with accepting RM30,000 from Anurul Hiraq between 12.20pm and 12.40pm on Jan 6 as an inducement to protect him in the compound of the Sultan Ahmad Shah Airport here.

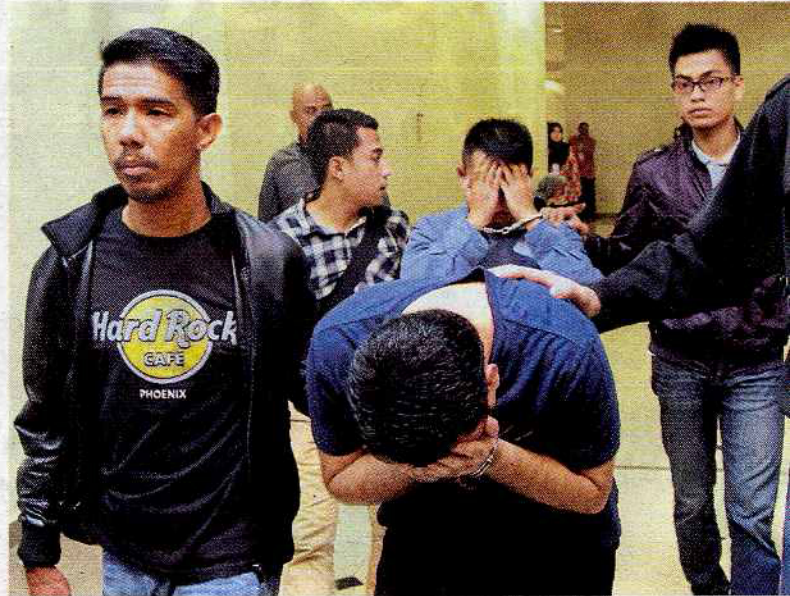
Administrative and diplomatic officer Syed Umar Khalil Syed

Khalid, 34, was charged with abetting Fadly in soliciting for the RM30,000 at the same time and place.

Both men face up to 20 years in jail and a fine of up to five times the amount of the bribe or RM10,000, whichever is higher.

Sessions Court judge Habibah Mohamed Yusof granted bail at RM10,000 for each accused and fixed Feb 5 for mention.

The accused were represented by Datuk Syed Azimal Amir Syed Abu Bakar and Muhammad Hisham Abdul Rahim while DPP Syafinaz Shahbudin of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission appeared for the prosecution.



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**Camera-shy:** The two officers shielding their faces from the public while being escorted out at the court building.