

# Senior cop, man face second set of graft charges

**KUALA LUMPUR:** More than three months after being charged at the Shah Alam Sessions Court with corruption, two men were brought to the Sessions Court here to face similar charges.

The former Gombak deputy police chief and an electrical shop assistant were separately charged with accepting bribes amounting to RM75,000.

Superintendent Abd Karim Abu Hassan, 55, claimed trial to accepting money on three occasions.

Karim and an accomplice had allegedly received RM65,000 cash and an Alliance bank cheque dated Oct 12, 2007 for RM10,000 from Lim Kin Lan, 36, as inducement for not taking action against Kin Lan's brother, Ching Jing, 38, who was suspected of being involved in a car-parts syndicate.

The offences were allegedly committed through a Segambut Maybank branch account on three occasions — May 30, May 31 and Oct 12, 2007.

In the second case, Soo Chong Man pleaded not guilty to three counts of being a middleman in accepting the money from Kin Lan.

Soo, 39, allegedly committed the offences at the same place and time.

Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission deputy public prosecutor Ng Siew Wee proposed RM10,000 bail in one surety for each accused.

Karim's counsel, Jaspal Singh Mann, pleaded for the amount to be reduced saying his client was currently attached to the Selangor police headquarters.



**Superintendent Abd Karim Abu Hassan was previously charged in the Shah Alam Sessions Court**

"He is the sole breadwinner with four children, two in university and two still in school."

Jaspal said Karim's wife was present in court to post bail.

Soo's lawyer C.N. Sritharan said his client was a father of three with no previous record.

Judge Rosbiahanin Arifin granted Karim and Soo RM5,000 bail in one surety each.

She also allowed the prosecution's application to transfer the case to the Shah Alam Sessions Court, where the duo are facing similar charges.

She fixed May 6 for mention. Both accused posted bail.

On Jan 7, Karim and Soo faced similar charges at the Shah Alam Sessions Court where they were charged with soliciting RM10,000 from Ching Jing at a restaurant on Sept 19, 2007.

They claimed trial to their charges.

Karim and Soo are expected to be charged at the Klang Sessions Court soon with similar charges.