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Breach of contract suit fixed for re-mention

SHAH ALAM, Thurs. - A breach of contract suit filed by former Sun newspaper journalist K. Ravindran against Sun Media Corporation has been fixed for re-mention on Aug 19.

The Sessions Court fixed the date when the case came up for mention today to enable Sun Media to file its defence.

Ravindran, 63, who filed the suit on April 14, said in his statement of claim that he started working as a journalist with Sun Media on May 1, 2000, with an employment contract until Dec 31 that year. The contract was renewed for the third time from Jan 1 to Dec 31, last year.

Ravindran said he was offered a job by another company, Dal Technologies (M) Sdn Bhd, through a letter dated Dec 3, 2001, as the marketing manager.

He was to receive a salary of RM2,800 a month with RM700 transport allowance and RM300 as entertainment allowance a month but he rejected the offer, believing his contract with the defendant would be renewed until Dec 31 last year.

However, in a letter dated Dec 31, 2001 and delivered by hand at 4.45pm that day, the defendant told him that the contract had been rejected and would not be renewed due to financial constraints.

Ravindran claimed that as a result, he lost the opportunity to accept the other job offer and suffered financial losses.

He is asking for RM32,860, his salary and allowance from Jan 1 to Dec 31, last year as a result of losing his job.

He is also claiming for costs, interest at eight per cent per annum from the date the suit was filed until the settlement date and other relief the court deems fit.

Ravindran is represented by lawyer A. Sivanesan, and Sun Media by the law firm S.L. Chin and Mahathir.