

Libel: Umno state rep awarded RM250,000
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The Temerloh High Court today ordered former Lipis Umno secretary Zulkifli Othman to pay RM250,000 damages to Padang Tengku assemblyperson Abdul Rahman Mohamed for having libelled the latter, two years ago.

Judicial commissioner Akhtar Tahir made the decision after finding that based on the evidence presented and testimony adduced from witnesses, Zulkifli had indeed defamed the assemblyperson.

Zulkifli, 54, had done this in a statutory declaration, copies of which were circulated around prior to Lipis Umno's divisional polls in 2008.

In it, he had claimed that Abdul Rahman, 48, like to flirt around and the judge held that the document was aimed at tarnishing the image of the assemblyperson, who was contesting the division chief post.

In the civil suit, Abdul Rahman was represented by counsel Ahmad Nizam Hamid while the defendant by counsel Abdul Majid Md Yusof.

When met by reporters afterwards, Abdul Rahman said he was very happy that his reputation had not been smeared and that he would be donating part of the money to orphanages.

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