

Businessman Charged With Cheating NFC, Involving RM1.755 Million
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 30 (Bernama) -- Businessman Datuk Shamsulbahrin Ismail pleaded not guilty in the Sessions Court here today to two counts of cheating National Feedlot Corporation (NFC) director Datuk Dr Mohamad Salleh Ismail, involving RM1.755 million.

He made the plea after the charges were read to him before judge Ahmad Zamzani Mohd Zain.

Ahmad Zamzani allowed Shamsulbahrin, 45, from Bukit Jelutong, Shah Alam, bail of RM300,000 with one surety and set Jan 31 for mention.

He also ordered Shamsulbahrin to surrender his passport to the court.

Shamsulbahrin is charged with cheating

Mohamad Salleh by purposely promising a consulting service with an intention to dishonestly induced the victim (Mohamad Salleh) to agree to pay for the service.

Shamsulbahrin, who is Samsulbahrin Resources Sdn Bhd chief executive officer, is charged with committing the offence at a restaurant in Bukit Tunku here at 6pm on Nov 20 this year.

He is also charged with cheating Mohamad Salleh by deceiving him into surrendering cheques, worth RM1.755 million.

The offence was allegedly committed at Solaris, Mont Kiara here between Nov 25 and Dec 6 this year.

Both the charges were made under Section 420 of the Penal Code which carries an imprisonment for up to 10 years and with whipping and shall also be liable to fine, upon conviction.

Earlier, Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) prosecution unit chief, Datuk Abdul Razak Musa, requested bail at RM300,000 and for the court to impound Shamsulbahrin's passport.

He also said that the accused was still wanted by the police for investigations into several other cases.

Lawyer J.Rao, who represented Shamsulbahrin, in requesting for a reasonable bail amount, said that his client had four children, aged between three and 18 , and all his assets had been frozen.

Shamsulbahrin was not able to post the bail as the payment counter was already closed and was sent to the Sungai Buloh Prison.

Prior to this, the media had reported that a 45-year-old man was remanded since Dec 22 to

assist police investigations into the NFC case.

The NFC issue crops up following the 2010 Auditor-General's Report last October which stated that NFC failed to meet the objective of its establishment.

There were also claims by the opposition of misappropriation of funds in NFC, especially concerning the purchase of a luxury condominium in the Klang Valley.

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