

Uthayakumar Gets Jail For Sending Seditious Letter Against Government To Former British PM
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 5 (Bernama) -- Lawyer P. Uthayakumar was sentenced to two years and six months' imprisonment by the Sessions Court here today after being found guilty of writing a letter of a seditious nature against the government to former British prime minister Gordon Brown six years ago.

Judge Ahmad Zamzani Mohd Zain said the defence had failed to dent the prosecution's case. He said the court viewed Uthayakumar's act as a serious offence under the Sedition Act 1948.

According to the amended charge, Uthayakumar wrote the seditious letter to Gordon Brown while the latter was serving as Britain's prime minister at 10 Downing Street, London.

He committed the offence at Jalan Toman 7, Kemayan Square, Seremban, in Negeri Sembilan on Nov 15, 2007, under Section 4(1)(a) of the Sedition Act 1948, punishable under Section 4(1) of the same Act.

Earlier, deputy public prosecutor Noorin Badaruddin requested the court to impose a custodial sentence on Uthayakumar, who was defended by counsel M. Manoharan, as the provision for fine under the charge was not adequate.

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