

# Cane and rehabilitation for woman who offered sexual services

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**KUALA TERENGGANU:** A woman from Johor was sentenced to undergo six months' rehabilitation by the Syariah High Court here after she pleaded guilty to offering sexual services.

Judge Kamalruazmi Ismail also ordered the 45-year-old woman to be caned four times.

He meted out the punishments after considering several factors including that it was her first offence and the severity of the crime under Islamic law.

He noted that the woman, who lives

in Klang, had specifically come to Terengganu to offer sexual services.

"Prostitution is not something that you would do on your own accord but through a network of influences be it online or your own acquaintances," he said.

In her mitigation, the woman said she was forced into prostitution due to destitution.

She had pleaded guilty on Sept 26 to committing preparatory acts for prostitution under Section 25 of the Syariah Criminal Offences (Takzir) (Terengganu) Enactment 2001.

She was caught in a room with a man believed to be her client during a raid at a hotel in Pulau Duyong at

around 11pm on Sept 19 by Terengganu Religious Affairs Department enforcers who also seized unused condoms, bottles of oil and lubricant gel.

She will undergo the rehabilitation at the Baitul Ehsan Women's Shelter in Sabak Bernam, Selangor, while the caning will be carried out at Kajang Women's Prison.

The rehabilitation costs will be borne by the Terengganu Religious and Malay Customs Council.



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