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Noradlina Idris, 43, who used to work for the Tourism and Culture Ministry (now known as the Tourism, Arts and Culture Ministry), claimed trial to all the charges before Sessions Court judge Suzana Hussin.

According to the charge sheet, the accused, as an agent of the government of Malaysia, had intentionally deceived her principal with documents containing false details.

The false documents she purportedly furnished were the government's orders, which were attached with invoices under the name of catering company L'amo Jaya Sdn Bhd for RM850, RM1,500 and RM9,000 dated Aug 13, Aug 14 and Aug 18, 2014, respectively.

Instead of the invoices issued for the payments of lunch and hi-tea supplies for the minister's meetings with guests in August 2014 at the Sultan Abdul Samad building, the payments were actually made for catering services for a Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebration at the accused's house in Taman Impian Putra in Bandar Seri Putra, Bangi, on Aug 16, 2014.

Noradlina, who was transferred to another ministry after the incident, allegedly committed the offence at the Tourism and Culture Ministry office in Putra-



Noradlina Idris, a chief administrative assistant at a ministry, arriving at the Sessions Court in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. PIC BY MOHAMAD SHAHRIL BADRI SAALI

jaya in August 2014.

She was charged under Section 18 of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) Act 2009, punishable under Section 24 (2) of the Act, which carries a maximum jail term of 20 years and a fine of five times the value of the offence committed, or

RM10,000, whichever is higher, if convicted.

MACC prosecuting officer Abd Muntaqim Abdul Aziz proposed bail of RM12,000 for all the charges with additional conditions that the accused surrender her passport to the court, report to the MACC office once a month,

as well as to not intimidate witnesses in the case.

The accused, who is a mother of four, pleaded for a lower bail.

She said she was now working as a chief administrative assistant but at a different ministry.

The court then allowed Noradlina RM10,000 bail with one

surety and ordered her to surrender her passport to the court, report to the MACC office in the first week of each month and to not intimidate the witnesses until the case is disposed of.

Her case will be up for mention on June 4.

Noradlina posted the bail.



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