

JABATAN KEHAKIMAN
MAHKAMAH TINGGI
KUALA LUMPUR

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All Special Presidents/Senior Presidents/Presidents
of Sessions Court, West Malaysia;

All Magistrates, Magistrate's Court, West Malaysia;

REGISTRAR'S CIRCULAR NO. 3/1978

Revision of Court Circuits

Further to my circular No.2 dated 10th June, 1978 I am directed by the Hon'ble the Chief Justice to draw your attention to the necessity of revising the existing Court Circuits in view of the implementation of the amendments to the Subordinate Courts Act and the placing of Magistrates at new stations which will take effect from 1.7.78.

2. First of all it is important to remember that the re-organization was brought about with the aim of reducing the backlog in the Courts, through maximum use of Court's time for hearing of cases instead of wasting it on the road. This can be achieved through "decentralisation". It means that Magistrates will be stationed at as many places as possible and shall cover as few Courts as possible.

3. The scheme will be partly implemented w.e.f. 1.7.78. Full implementation is not yet possible as the required number of additional Presidents, Magistrates and supporting staff is not yet available. However, it is felt that a start has to be made with whatever resources available, and now!

4. As stated in my previous circular the itinerary of all the Presidents and Magistrates will have to be revised. Presidents and Acting Presidents are required to submit their recommendations, after consultation with Their Lordships the Judges if necessary, for final approval by the Chief Registrar.

5. In so doing, the following principles shall, as far as possible, be observed:

- (a) As from 1.7.78 Presidents of Sessions Court will only sit at the Courts where they are resident. Of course, as and when necessity arises, they may be allowed by the Chief Registrar to go to other Sessions Courts to hear specific cases. Magistrates who are also Acting Presidents shall as far as possible remain at their stations. However, they may, with the approval of the Chief Registrar go and hear specific cases at other Magistrates' Courts, for example, if it is found to be necessary in the interest of justice that a more experienced or qualified Magistrate should hear such a case in view of its difficulty, complexity or the gravity of the offence or the amount of the subject matter involved.
- (b) Each Magistrate shall as far as possible, be made responsible for a particular court or courts. Not more than one Magistrate should cover a particular court at any time.

6. Specific changes of Magistrates' Circuits w.e.f. 1st July, 1978

Until further notice, the following changes shall take effect from 1st July, 1978:

<u>State</u>	<u>Station</u>	<u>Circuit</u>
1. Perlis	Kangar	Kangar, Langkawi
2. Kedah	Jitra Sg. Patani Kulim	Jitra Sg. Patani, Baling, Kulim Kulim.
3. Penang & Province Wellesley	Butterworth Bukit Mertajam	Butterworth Bukit Mertajam
4. Perak	Parit Buntar	Parit Buntar Bandar Bahru Nibong Tebal
	Taiping	Taiping, Selama
	Kampar	Kampar
	Tapah	Tapah, Cameron Highlands
	Telok Anson	Telok Anson


5. Selangor	Kelang Telok Datok Kuala Selangor	Kelang Telok Datok Kuala Selangor Sungai Besar.
6. Federal Territory	No change	
7. Negri Sembilan	Seremban Kuala Pilah	Seremban, Kuala Klawang Port Dickson, Rembau, Tampin, Gemas. Kuala Pilah Bahau.
8. Melaka	Melaka Alor Gajah	Melaka Jasin Alor Gajah. (There will be no sittings at Merlimau and Masjid Tanah w.e.f. 1.7.78)
9. Johore	Segamat Muar Johore Bahru Batu Pahat Pontian	Segamat, Labis Muar, Tangkak Johore Bahru, Kota Tinggi Kulai, Pengarang Batu Pahat, Yong Peng Pontian
10. Pahang	Bentong Raub Kuantan	Bentong Raub, Kuala Lipis Kuantan, Pekan Kuala Rompin
11. Trengganu	Dungun Kuala Trengganu	Dungun, Kemaman Kuala Trengganu Marang, Kuala Berang
12. Kelantan	Machang Kota Bharu	Machang, Kuala Krai Pasir Puteh Kota Bharu, Pasir Mas, Tumpat, Bachok, Tanah Merah, Besut

7. Other circuits not specifically mentioned above shall, for the time being, remain unchanged.

8. Finally, once again, the Hon'ble the Chief Justice would like to urge all Presidents and Magistrate to do their best to overcome any problem arising out of the reorganization, which is bound to arise in particular during the transitional period. He sincerely believes that with your co-operation and the co-operation of all the supporting staff of the

Courts, the backlog in the Courts will be significantly reduced.

Saya yang menurut perintah,


(Abdul Hamid b Hj Mohamed)
Ag. CHIEF REGISTRAR

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