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5 years in jail

It looks like owning pornographic movies is not such a hot idea for the Malaysians. Recently, such materials in 3GP (video format used for mobile phones) and RM (real Media video) formats were found on one Malaysian's laptop. The user has been charged and convicted for owning these movies and intending to sell them to the interested parties. The data transfer is currently done for a small fee in stores officially posing as service centers or even in ones specialized in selling cell phones. According to slashphone.com, Lim Puay Huat, the unlucky owner of the adult rated movies is the first Malaysian user charged for downloading these files from a pornographic website. A Movies Censorship Law has been validated by this country, banning the viewing of video clips of the type owned by the 21-year-old young man from Jalan Air Panas Baru, Setapak. Malaysia is seriously considering the possibility that such improper materials would find their way into the hands of minors, and that is the reason behind the extreme severity of the sanction for Lim Puay Huat: if he is to be found guilty, he will have to pay a 50,000 Malaysian Ringgit fine and he could be imprisoned for a period of maximum 5 years. This country's government is even considering the idea of banning and blocking the Internet surfers' access to pornographic sites, thus following the censorship model established by the Chinese, who restricted the access to this type of websites, the running of violent content games and even access to news of international interest. All these measures were justified as long as they were considered to be protecting young people against the West's bad influences.