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Online gambling sites risk fines

INTERNET: The government will start fining internet service providers (ISPs) which permit access to online gambling sites as part of its crackdown on illegal betting, government spokesman Anucha Burapachaisri said yesterday.

The announcement follows a warning to ISPs by the Office of National Broadcasting and Telecommunications, Ministry of Digital Economy and Society and the Royal Thai Police about 1,202 online gambling sites.

They asked the ISPs to take down the sites or face penalties for violating Section 27 of the Computer Crimes Act, which carries fines of up to 200,000 baht. "The prime minister is worried because gambling sites are so easy to access. Online gambling is becoming major problem and the government will launch a campaign against it aimed particularly at curbing underage gambling," said Mr Anucha.