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DEPUTY SPEAKER REJECTS LIM'S MOTION

KUALA LUMPUR, July 25 (Bernama) -- Deputy Dewan Rakyat Speaker Ong Tee Kiat today rejected a DAP motion brought up by the member for Kota Melaka Lim Guan Eng that the House adjourn proceedings to discuss the Attorney-General's performance of his duties.

The DAP motion claimed that the Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohtar Abdullah had failed to uphold the law but was playing politics by refusing to prosecute Minister of International Trade and Industry Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz and former Melaka Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Tamby Chik even though, according to him, both had admitted to wrong doing.

Lim said he was not satisfied with the written reply from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to his question on Monday that the Attorney-General had decided not to take further action because Rafidah's approval of 1.5 million Universal Leader Holdings Bhd shares and 4,173,901 million First Allied Corporation Bhd shares worth a total of RM25 million at current market prices to her son-in-law Fazrin Azwar was a "technical error."

Rejecting the motion, Ong said even though it was a definite matter of public interest, the motion had been brought in the Dewan several times in the past.

Hence there was no urgency in the matter, he added. -- BERNAMA
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