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MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF NEAC REJECTED

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 16 (Bernama) -- The DAP today failed to get the Dewan Rakyat to adjourn proceedings and discuss its proposal for the government to reconsider the establishment of the National Economic Action Council (NEAC).

Deputy Speaker Datuk Juhar Mahiruddin, in rejecting the DAP motion, said although the matter was specific and of public interest it was not urgent.

In his motion, DAP secretary-general Lim Kit Siang said the NEAC had yet to be set up although it was announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Nov 20.

Lim also wanted members of parliament to discuss the most effective way of dealing with the economic crisis faced by the country over the past five months.

Juhar said the subject the DAP sought to discuss was complex and could not be discussed within an hour today.

"The matter has been discussed many times in the current session and the government too has taken appropriate measures to deal with the national economic crisis," he said.

The ongoing Asean Informal Summit too has been discussing the crisis which is also faced by other member countries, Juhar said. -- BERNAMA

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