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Kit Siang's motion rejected

DEWAN Rakyat Deputy Speaker Datuk Juhar Mahiruddin rejected a motion by Opposition leader Lim Kit Siang to adjourn the House to discuss a new crisis of confidence in the judiciary.

Lim had said that this arose from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's contempt of court in interfering with the appeal to the Federal Court in the case of his son, Lim Guan Eng (DAP-Kota Melaka).

In rejecting the motion, Juhar said although the issue was specific, of interest to the people, it was not necessary to expedite a debate on the matter.

He added that it was a question of perception if one looked at the issue.

Just before Lim read his prepared text, Datuk Sukri Mohamed (BN-Machang) pointed out that under Standing Orders 36(2) and 36(10)(c) it was sub judice to discuss a case that was still pending an appeal.

Juhar, however, ruled that he would allow Lim to read his text and would then make a decision.

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