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Discussion on Anwar's report on Perwaja rejected

DEWAN Rakyat Deputy Speaker Datuk Ong Tee Kiat yesterday rejected a motion tabled by Tanjong MP Lim Kit Siang to adjourn the House to discuss the police report lodged by Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim on Perwaja Steel's losses.

He said while the motion was definite and of public importance, there was no urgency for it to be discussed.

He said it was still too early for the Anti-Corruption Agency to take any action on the matter as the police report was only made on July 21, 1999.

Perwaja had until December 1995 suffered accumulated losses of RM2.9 billion and RM6.9 billion in liabilities.

Ong said he was informed that initial investigations showed that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was not involved in the Perwaja issue.

He said the ACA had conducted investigations based on earlier reports but had failed to complete its probe.

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