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KIT SIANG SAYS MONDAY'S DEWAN RAKYAT SITTING UNCONSTITUTIONAL

KOTA BAHARU, Dec 16 (Bernama) -- DAP chairman Lim Kit Siang has called for the cancellation of the Dewan Rakyat sitting starting Monday because, according to him, its convening does not follow procedures.

"Under the constitution, the new parliament can sit upon being called for by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong acting on the advice of the Cabinet," he told reporters after calling on Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat here today.

According to Lim, issuance of the notice on Dec 13 for all the 193 members of parliament to attend the inaugural sitting of the 10th parliament, did not follow procedures as the new cabinet had not been formed yet then.

The House would sit for four days from Monday.

Lim said Parliament could still sit on Monday but a new notice would have to be issued with a fresh command from the King.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad announced the formation of the new federal Cabinet last Friday following the Barisan Nasional coalition's return to power in the Nov 29 general election.

Members of the new cabinet and deputy ministers were sworn in on Tuesday and the cabinet held its first meeting yesterday.

On his meeting with Nik Aziz, Lim said the DAP asked the PAS-run state government to set aside permanent allocations for Chinese and Tamil schools in recognition of the communities' contributions to the development of Kelantan.

Asked whether they both discussed enforcement of "hudud" (Islamic penal code) in Kelantan, Lim said: "Whatever Islamic law should not be enforced on non-Muslims."

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