

Pandikar can leave, my duty is to attend Parliament, says Lip Eng
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Dewan Rakyat speaker Pandikar Amin Mulia could leave the Dewan if he is uncomfortable with the presence of DAP lawmaker Lim Lip Eng in Parliament, said the Segambut MP.

Lim was responding to [Pandikar's call](#) on Wednesday for the MP not to attend Parliament when he is chairing it, if he does not respect the position of the speaker.

"I feel if he isn't comfortable with me being in Parliament, he can leave, not I.

"This is because I am chosen by the voters to attend Parliament and raise national issue and issues related to Segambut, but Pandikar is not elected but appointed," said Lim.

"Therefore, it is my duty to attend Parliament.

"I repeat to Pandikar, if he is not happy to see me in the Dewan then he could leave," Lim told *Malaysiakini* today when met.

He was speaking at the sidelines of the Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) 2017 budget dialogue with MPs and civil society leaders at the DBKL Training Institute in Kuala Lumpur.

Lim said Pandikar's behaviour was childish and he was loathe to comment.

"I really don't want to respond on the speaker's challenge as I consider it childish.

"As a speaker he should not behave like that. (In any case) yesterday when I went to Parliament while Pandikar was chairing the session he didn't do anything," said Lim.

Last week, the speaker [evicted Lim](#) from the Parliament's special chamber.

The incident happened when Lim was about to begin his adjournment speech with a question to the Federal Territories Ministry on Kuala Lumpur City Hall's budget.

Speaking to reporters later, Lim said he told Pandikar: "We're elected by the people, you're appointed by MO1."

'MO1' refers to the unnamed individual '[Malaysian Official 1](#)' cited in the US Department of Justice (DOJ) lawsuits to seize assets in the country it claims were laundered from 1MDB.

The DOJ's court documents allege US\$730 million originating from 1MDB had gone to MO1.