

Bakri MP's Rosmah-Bala motion rejected
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Dewan Rakyat speaker Pandikar Amin Mulia has rejected an emergency motion by Er Teck Hwa (DAP-Bakri) to debate rumours that the prime minister's wife Rosmah Mansor is involved in financing private investigator P Balasubramaniam's sojourn in London.

He said the matter involves an ongoing court case and so cannot be debated in the House.

According to the letter explaining the rejection, the speaker said that the emergency motion goes against Standing Orders.

NONEDeputy speaker Wan Junaidy Wan Jaafar further explained to Er (left) at the conclusion of the Question session that the subject matter touches on an ongoing legal case which automatically disqualifies it from being debated.

This is the second time the motion has been rejected by the speaker since last week. The first was rejected because another emergency motion was already being considered.

According to Standing Orders, only one emergency motion can be considered for any given day of a parliamentary sitting.

Er promptly re-submitted his motion last Thursday, which led to it being rejected for the second time today.

"I know he said that this touches on a court case, but the case is not about this specific rumour," the Bakri MP then told Malaysiakini.

He insisted that a debate is necessary to "clear the air" about the rumours with regard to the prime minister's wife, because further speculation without an attempt to set the matter straight would only make things worse.

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