

Speaker orders Sivarasa, Azmin out
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Opposition MP R Sivarasa (PKR-Subang) was today thrown out of the Dewan Rakyat and suspended for one day for arguing with speaker Pandikar Amin Mulia over the latter's rejection in chambers of his motion.

Sivarasa had yesterday submitted a motion for the House to debate the WikiLeaks controversy, which has implicated leaders on both sides of the political divide.

parliament pandikar amin anwar ibrahim lim kit siang dap pkr pc 121108 01Pandikar (left), in explaining his rejection of the motion, said Sivarasa's arguments are pointless and told him to stand down.

In his rejection, Pandikar had said that the matter of the WikiLeaks cables are still uncertain and just speculation in the media, and as such cannot be discussed as fact as per Standing Order 23(1)(i) which forbade discussion of issues only based on media reports.

The PKR politician said that the speaker's rejection of his motion is not to the point, and he remained defiant and continued to press his point.

"I think that my motion has been misunderstood. I did not want to know the truth of the matter, just to debate it," he said.

Following this and repeated refusal by Sivarasa to stop his protests, the speaker ordered him suspended from the sitting until tomorrow.

In defence of Subang MP

Opposition Leader Anwar Ibrahim (PKR-Permatang Pauh) and Mohd Azmin Ali (PKR-Gombak) then stood up and emotionally defended the Subang MP.

"We are being targeted by the government," said Anwar.

Azmin in particular seemed quite upset that he and two other opposition members were being named in a motion by the government to suspend them for six months for questioning the decision to suspend Anwar.

NONEThe ensuing arguments saw Pandikar giving Azmin the marching orders as well, but only until 2.30pm today.

Sivarasa and Azmin (right), however, continued to stay in the House for a good ten minutes before going out of the Dewan, prompting the speaker to remind them.

Both then removed themselves from the House without assistance, to the cheers of "Reformasi" from the opposition bench.

The House, which was supposed to continue to debate the remaining motions of the second-last day of Parliament, then degenerated into a free-for-all as the opposition parliamentarians continue to spar with the speaker over the matter.

Things became worse when the BN representatives decided to join the fray, turning the Dewan into a hall full of discordant cacophony, which prompted the speaker to walk out at the start of lunch break without announcing the suspension of the House.

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