

Ruckus over mobile phone at Perak Assembly
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IPOH - A ruckus ensued when Perak Speaker R. Ganesan (Left) Tuesday banned the use of mobile phones on the first day of the State Assembly .

Pantai Remis assemblyman Nga Kor Ming was warned by the Speaker for using his mobile phone to take pictures.

The mobile phone was then ordered to be removed by Ganesan.

Sitiawan assemblyman Ngeh Koo Ham stood up to protest which led to an uproar among the Opposition Pakatan Rakyat assemblymen, according to The Star.

Order was restored after the microphone was cut off by the Speaker.

Menteri Besar Zambry Abd Kadir was frequently interrupted when he stood up to answer a written question and he spoke sharply against the Opposition.

Former Mentri Besar and Pengkalan Huulu assemblymen Haji Mohammad Tajol Rosli Mohammad Ghazali and the Opposition assemblymen were also reportedly having a shouting match at each other.

Both sides insisted on asking questions although the Speaker has limited everyone to only two questions each.

The ruckus later quietened and the assembly proceeded with Zambry's introduction of the Supplementary Supply Bill at 11.45am.

Ganesan was reportedly "not recognised" as the State Speaker by Perak Pakatan Rakyat representatives at the sitting.

The PR lawmakers did not refer to him as their "Yang Dipertua (Speaker)" but "Chairman" or simply "Datuk Ganesan."

PR claimed that Ganesan's appointment by the BN during the May 7 assembly had been illegal.

They have also accused him of infringing Article 36A of the Perak Constitution when he failed to resign as a lawyer three months after his appointment, a web news portal reported.

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