

**Parliament: Gobalakrishnan Ordered To Leave Dewan Rakyat
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 1 (Bernama) -- Padang Serai MP N. Gobalakrishnan was so incensed with a statement by Opposition Leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim that he created a commotion and was finally ordered to leave the Dewan Rakyat during a debate on the preliminary report tabled by the Parliamentary Select Committee on electoral reform Thursday.

Dewan Rakyat deputy speaker Datuk Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar ordered Gobalakrishnan to leave after the MP refused to heed his instruction not to intercede when Anwar was speaking during the debate.

Despite repeated orders to be seated, Gobalakrishnan insisted that the Permatang Pauh MP allow him to precede.

However, Anwar who disregarded Gobalakrishnan's request, uttered a statement which incurred the wrath of the independent MP.

Gobalakrishnan then stood up and obstructed the debate, forcing Wan Junaidi to call in security to escort him out.

"Yang Berhormat (Gobalakrishnan) ... sit ... I'm being a gentleman in this matter, if Yang Berhormat won't obey my directions (to leave the dewan) how can I have respect," said Wan Junaidi.

Gobalakrishnan, however, defended his position and said: "He (Anwar) accused me of being drunk, I didn't say anyone was metallic black, I didn't insult anyone."

Met outside the house, Gobalakrishnan challenged Anwar, who is Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) advisor, to an open debate on several issues including his leadership of the party.

The independent MP said Anwar should have the courage to face him instead of using the Dewan Rakyat to criticise him.

"If it's really true Yang Berhormat Permatang Pauh (Anwar) is fighting for the people all this while, as he claims ..., I challenge him to an open debate," he reiterated.

"Anwar uttered the phrase 'don't drink when you enter the dewan' to me, did he mean I was 'drunk'? When I invoked House Rules asking him to retract the statement, the deputy speaker ordered me to leave. It's alright because I respect his instruction," he told reporters at the Parliament lobby.

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