

**Deputy Speaker says no provision to impeach Anwar**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 29 — Datuk Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar confirmed today that Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim cannot be impeached by Parliament for alleged misconduct as there is no existing legal provision for such a process.

The Dewan Rakyat Deputy Speaker added that the suggestion to impeach Anwar was over a “personal” issue and not regarding his conduct in the House, whether in speech or action.

“There is no actual mechanism (for impeachment). In the Standing Orders, there isn’t.

“When the Standing Orders was enacted in 1960, it did not include situations like this today... so therefore, we follow three things: the Standing Orders, laws and the Federal Constitution,” he said when approached by reporters in Parliament.

Wan Junaidi was responding to reports that Senator Datuk KS Nallakaruppan is looking into the possibility of invoking an impeachment process against Anwar for purportedly lying to Parliament about his alleged sex exploits.

He said there was no provision under the law that allows any representative of the Dewan Rakyat or Senate to invoke the impeachment process against another, noting that attempts to do so against the Prime Minister and other ministers had similarly failed.

Wan Junaidi noted that should a person be convicted of a crime outside of the Dewan Rakyat, the lawmaker would then be subjected to laws that could see him disqualified from the House.

“Even then, it is not an automatic disqualification,” he said.

“We need to refer to the Constitution, refer to the sentence and only then can the lawmaker be disqualified.”

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