

**Dewan Rakyat Sitting Not An Obstacle To Dissolution Of Parliament, Says Wan Junaidi**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 9 (Bernama) -- Parliament may be dissolved at any time, even while the Dewan Rakyat is in session, to make way for the general election, said Dewan Rakyat deputy speaker Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar.

He said there was no provision in the Federal Constitution, laws or Standing Orders of the Dewan Rakyat which prevented the Prime Minister from dissolving Parliament at any time.

In fact, he said, the tabling of the 2013 Budget scheduled for Sept 28 was not a significant indication for the dissolution of Parliament as the Prime Minister could make such an announcement before or after the tabling if he was 'inspired' to do so.

"The only effect would be on Bills, for example if a budget bill was tabled and the debate was still in session when the dissolution of the Dewan Rakyat was announced, then the debate would have to be adjourned.

"But the Bill would not be null, it would still be valid and the debate can resume after the general election without a need for it to be tabled afresh," he added.

He was elaborating the matter to Bernama yesterday when contacted to comment on the Dewan Rakyat procedures should Parliament be dissolved while it was still in session.

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