

**Don't Bring Up Question And Answer Session : Speaker
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GEORGE TOWN, July 4 (Bernama) -- State Assembly Speaker Law Choo Kiang again reminded state assemblymen from raising the issue of the question and answer session, which was disallowed from the Penang State Assembly sitting, as it was already decided by the assembly yesterday and that the sitting was still valid.

He gave the warning when Lee Khai Loon (DAP-Machang Bubuk) seemed to be provoking opposition assemblymen, which caused displeasure and led Opposition Leader Datuk Jahara Hamid (BN-Telok Air Tawar) to interrupt and reproach Lee.

"It's only the second day of assembly, and we've been to 36 state assembly sittings and never once were we disallowed to ask questions.

"Why can't we ask questions this time, or is this a way to show power. It's not because there's no time...the Perlis state assembly and Dewan Rakyat also have long sittings but there is still a question and answer session," she said, interrupting a debate on the speech of Penang Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Abdul Rahman Abbas at the state assembly sitting, here Thursday.

Yesterday, the question and answer session was disallowed for the first time at the state assembly sitting on grounds of time constraint, which also puzzled Chief Minister Lim Guang Eng as the decision was made on the advice of the state legal adviser.

However, Lim, in a statement, urged all quarters not to blame the newly appointed Speaker and that he would personally seek clarification on the matter.

The state assembly's decision irked many opposition assemblymen who described it as denying the people of their rights to information, and that the system of democracy had died.

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