

BN Lawmakers Cry Foul Over Delay in RPC's Decision on Assemblyman
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GEORGE TOWN, May 19 (Bernama) -- Barisan Nasional (BN) lawmakers cried foul over Penang State Assembly speaker Datuk Law Choo Kiang's statement that the Rights and Privilege Committee's (RPC) decision over Datuk Roslan Saidin's 'racist doctors claim' would be announced at a later date.

Speaking at a news conference here today, opposition chief Datuk Jahara Hamid said as the committee had met four times over the issue, its decision should have been announced today as delaying it would be unfair to Roslan.

Roslan, who was present at the news conference, said the delay could cast aspersion on his credibility and cause a lot of interpretations.

On July 3 last year, Roslan told the state assembly that three ethnic Chinese doctors, two from the Kepala Batas Hospital and one from the Seberang Jaya Hospital, had refused to treat Malay patients.

The Pinang Tunggal state assemblyman had linked his claim to DAP's successful campaign in causing a drop in support for BN from the Chinese community in the May 5 polls.

His outburst caused him to be referred to the committee in December last year after a motion was tabled by Jawi assemblyman Lip Chee of the DAP.

The matter was raised at the outset of the debate at the State Assembly today by BN lawmakers.

In his reaction, Law said the committee's decision had to be deferred as it needed more time to study the documents.

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