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FORMER PPP LEADERS INVITED TO VIE FOR PRESIDENT'S POST

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 29 (Bernama) -- Former leaders of Parti Progresif Penduduk Malaysia (Baru), previously known as People's Progressive Party (PPP), have been given until 6am on Tuesday to re-register as members and contest for the party president's post in the party elections on the same day.

PPP president Datuk M. Kayveas said the invitation to contest the post particularly to former party secretary-general P V Das was decided by the Central Executive Committee in the hope of resolving "once and for all" the problems plaguing the party in the past 10 years.

"If they are eyeing the president's post, register as members and contest in the Sept 3 election. Stop using the court to achieve your personal motives," he told a news conference at the party headquarters here today.

Das has obtained a temporary injunction from the Seremban High Court on Aug 15 restraining Kayveas from calling himself PPP president, a party member and representing the party in Barisan Nasional meetings and issue statements in the party's name.

However, Kayveas obtained an order from the Court of Appeal suspending the injunction on Aug 22.

Kayveas said PPP had not functioned as a political party for over 10 years as it faced numerous obstacles especially court injunctions by former leaders.

He said it was time the former leaders gave the present party leadership a chance to carry out its functions smoothly without any hindrance.

"Today, PPP is a party which has a strong organisation with members who are matured, disciplined and unity," he said.

The party's constitution has also been updated and accepted by the Registrar of Societies, he said.

He said the party was holding its election on Tuesday, the day Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would open the party's General Assembly.

The Registrar of Societies has given PPP, which has 80,000 registered members now, until Dec 31 this year to re-register its former members when the party's new constitution was approved on Aug 6. -- BERNAMA

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