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INDIAN PARTY LEADERS SHOULD NOT USE BY-ELECTION TO PROMOTE THEMSELVES

TELUK INTAN, May 11 (Bernama) -- Indian party leaders should not use the Teluk Intan parliamentary by-election to promote themselves as the "better" champion of the Indian community.

Instead, leaders of both the MIC and Indian Progressive Front (IPF) should join hands to secure BN candidate Dr Chee See Choke's victory, Peoples' Progressive Party (PPP) president Datuk M.Kayveas said.

Referring to a poster of IPF president Senator M.G.Pandithan put up beside those of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his deputy, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, at the town square, Kayveas said there have been numerous queries on the significance of such a move.

"The question raised is whether he is the BN candidate for the by-election since his pictures are also seen in town," he told reporters after a fund-raising dinner for the Perak Tuanku Abdul Rahman College fund organised by the Teluk Intan MCA here last night.

He advised those involved to remove the poster before it becomes an issue, adding that votes could be lost if there was a conflict among BN leaders in promoting themselves to the community.

Chee, who is also Perak Gerakan vice chairman, would be challenged by Perak DAP treasurer M.Kulasegaran. -- BERNAMA

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