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MAHATHIR UNHAPPY OVER POWER STRUGGLE IN PPP

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 2 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today expressed displeasure over the power struggle in the People's Progressive Party (PPP), saying there is nothing the Barisan Nasional (BN) could do to help the component party.

"What can we do. The fight is in such a manner," he said when asked to comment on the recent court case involving PPP president Datuk M.Kayveas and party member Datuk N.S.Muthu.

Yesterday, Kayveas was reported as saying that he has obtained an order for stay of the judgment in default obtained by Muthu on May 29 which ruled that he (Kayveas) is not a member of the PPP and that he cannot be its president.

Confirming this, Dr Mahathir, who is also the BN chairman, said what happened in the PPP showed that there were people who are only interested in their own position.

He said even if they lost in their bid to take over the top post, they would feel satisfied.

Dr Mahathir said these people were only interested in securing a post in the party and not whether they could do the job or not.

"If whether they can contribute or not, it doesn't matter. Whether they destroy the party or not, it doesn't matter," he said.

Dr Mahathir was also asked on the proposal to have a single BN party for all races instead of the present multi-party system.

The Prime Minister said it could be achieved if everybody was willing to forget that he is of different race.

"So long as there is still this consciousness that you are of different race, if you have a single party, then the people who are in the minority will always lose out because decisions are made by the majority and the majority could be from just one race," he said.

However, in a coalition party system like the BN, all parties have to agree first even if there is a party representing the minority group, Dr Mahathir said. -- BERNAMA

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