

PPP still intact, says Kayveas

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* KUALA LUMPUR, Tues: The People's Progressive Party (PPP) is still intact despite the resignation of a state party leader recently, its president, Datuk M. Kayveas, said today.

He said the resignation of Selangor PPP chief Alex Thiagarasan over "a small matter" during the party general assembly on June 7 will not "hurt" the party.

Kayveas claimed Thiagarasan quit the party because he was not given recognition as a state leader during the opening of the assembly by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at Pusat Islam.

"He decided to quit even before bringing the matter to

my attention," he told Bernama.

Kayveas said the party had accepted his resignation.

"We don't need small-minded people and those with self-interest in the party. We are better off without them," he said.

Kayveas also said it is not true that many members are quitting the party following Thiagarasan's resignation.

Meanwhile, PPP Supreme Council member and Selangor information chief S.G. Jothie said Thiagarasan's resignation would not cause a split in the party.

He said all Selangor divisions and three state chiefs have pledged support for Kayveas.