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Das files injunction against PPP Baru head

SEREMBAN, Mon. - The People's Progressive Party president-in-waiting P.V. Das today filed an injunction in the High Court to restrain PPP Baru president Datuk M. Kayveas from meddling in the affairs of the party.

In his originating summons filed this afternoon, Das is also seeking the court's order to stop Kayveas, his agents, nominees or supporters from representing the party in any meeting or gathering of the Barisan Nasional.

He also wanted the court to stop Kayveas, who was named as the defendant, from advertising or making Press statements that he was the PPP president.

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Speaking outside the court, Das said his counsel Manian K. Marappan, who filed the injunction, was hoping to get an early hearing date for the case.

He said they were expected to make an extract of the High Court's Sept 18 decision nullifying the Registrar of Societies' recognition of Kayveas as the PPP president tomorrow, to be served on the ROS.

"We are disappointed that the ROS had not taken any action against Kayveas since the decision made by the High Court despite the registrar being present in court when the order was made", he said.

Das said they hoped the ROS would act immediately after the sealed order declaration of the High Court had been served.

He said they would also serve a copy of the sealed order on Kayveas to facilitate contempt of court proceedings against him.

"Despite the High Court's decision, Kayveas continued to make statements which breached the declaration made against him", he added.

Meanwhile, Das said they had written to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as the Barisan Nasional chairman and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as Home Minister to seek an appointment to see them.

He said they wanted to explain to both leaders the court's decision and developments in the party.

In Alor Star, the Kedah PPP today declared support for Kayveas as president despite his presidency being declared null and void by the Seremban High Court.

Kedah PPP chairman V. Nadarajan said as far as members in the State were concerned, Kayveas was still the PPP leader as the decision of the High Court was "a technical matter".

Nadarajan also denied he was present at an emergency meeting of central working committee (CWC) called by Das in Ipoh.

"In a situation where there is troubled waters, anyone can claim to be the Kedah chairman or anybody ... the fact is that I was not there and neither were any of the State leaders", he said.

Nadarajan and several PPP State leaders were among those reported present at the CWC meeting and had pledged support to Das as PPP president.

Nadarajan said all PPP branches in Kedah, numbering more than 200, supported Kayveas as the party president.

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