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KAYVEAS WAS A PARTY IN CIVIL SUIT, SAYS DAS

SEREMBAN, Sept 21 (Bernama) -- Datuk M.Kayveas' claim that he was not a party in the suit where the court invalidated his presidency of the People's Progressive Party (PPP) is misleading, former PPP secretary-general P.V.Das said today.

Das said Kayveas, purportedly as president of PPP (Baru), was represented at all the trial dates by its secretary-general Datuk Dr Mohamad Ashfar Ali who was holding a watching brief for the party.

"During the initial proceeding, our lawyers had indicated that Kayveas through PPP (Baru) should have intervened as it will affect him and his group but they preferred to watch-brief.

"As such, now to say that Kayveas is not a party is misleading and another attempt to hoodwink the members and general public," he said in a statement here.

The High Court here ruled on Saturday that a declaration by the Registrar of Societies (ROS) that Kayveas was the president of PPP was null and void.

Das, who is staking a claim on the PPP presidency, said Kayveas' statement that he would hand a report on the court decision to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was also an attempt to mislead people.

Kayveas was reported in a newspaper today as saying that he would try to meet Dr Mahathir soon to hand over a report explaining the consequences of the court decision.

He also said that it was the ROS who had to make a declaration following the decision of the court.

Kayveas also said that he was running the party headquarters but could not function as the president and as such did not know who was going to pay the rental and staff salaries.

Das said Kayveas clearly knew that the judgment-in-default dated May 31, 1994 obtained by him was defective as the senior assistant registrar (SAR) of the High Court had no jurisdiction to grant the order while the notice of discontinuance dated Oct 14, 1994 had never existed.

"With the withdrawal of the recognition, Kayveas should stop meddling with the affairs of the PPP. If Kayveas is so concerned of the PPP, he should apply to be a member. Only through membership he has the rights to speak on the affairs of PPP," said Das.

He said the PPP had nothing to do with the rental of headquarters and staff salaries as it was Kayveas' personal matter.

Das said the PPP had full confidence in the leadership of Dr Mahathir and the party had intensified its election machinery in all states to assist Barisan Nasional (BN) in the coming general election.

He said PPP officials would go on a nation-wide tour of all its branches to explain the current development in the party and to have a first hand look on the progress of the election machinery at the branches.

The PPP officials would also visit menteri besars, chief ministers and other BN leaders to explain the party's current position, he said.

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