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KAYVEAS APPEALS TO PPP MEMBERS TO REMAIN CALM

     KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 17 (Bernama) -- A day after being told that the party
will not be getting any seats to contest in the Nov 29 general election,
People's Progressive Party (PPP) president Datuk M. Kayveas has appealed to
party members to remain calm.
     "It is not the end of everything. Politics is not just getting seats
but it must be looked in a broader way," he said as scores of party members
continued to gather at the party headquarters here to express their
disappointment at the party being left out in the allocation of seats by
the Barisan Nasional (BN).
     Party officials said that many members were close to tears when they
learnt about the PPP not being given any seats yet again.
     "The whole atmosphere may be different if we were given at least one
seat," a party official said, adding that that members had also asked
Kayveas to make an appeal to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad,
who is BN chairman, to reconsider the decision.
     "We feel very dissapointed. It is unbelieveable that a party of such
strength and always working hard for the BN is not getting any seats," said
another party official.
     "But we believe this is not the end. We hope there will be some other
good things in store for us. Whatever it is, we are fully committed to
ensuring BN's victory in the election," said another member.
     Kayveas, after meeting Dr Mahathir yesterday, said that the party was
not given any seats because the number of seats in Peninsular Malaysia had
remained the same as in previous years. Meanwhile, party members are
pushing for an emergency general meeting on Sunday to discuss the latest
developments in the party.
     The PPP claims to have 250,000 members with over 3,700 branches.
     Kayveas confirmed that party members have requested for the EGM.
     "There is a request and motion coming in for an EGM. I will leave it to
the party secretary-general to convince me if there is a necessity for the
EGM," he told Bernama.
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