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PPP chief: I am prepared to step down

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - People's Progressive Party of Malaysia president Datuk M. Kayveas today said he is prepared to step down if he fails to secure any seat in the coming elections.

"We are trying hard to get some seats but if we do not get any and if the members feel I have not done enough and feel that I should go, I would gladly step down.

"But I hope I don't have to face the situation where PPP will not be given any seat to contest in the next general election," he said.

Kayveas said the party had asked for four Parliamentary and eight State Assembly seats.

The PPP has not contested since the 1986 general election.

"We feel the time has come for us to contest," he said after launching PPP's two-week nationwide car wash campaign to raise funds for the Barisan Bertindak Kosovo Fund at their headquarters today.

Kayveas said the party would submit a memorandum to the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on June 7 to push for their request.

On the PPP elections, nominations for the youth and women's wing closed today with key office bearers retaining their posts uncontested.

R.O. Paramasivam is the youth chief while the vice-presidents are Mohd Abdul Raof Mokhtar and Low Poke Leong.

Betty Chee Moi Ing is the women's chief while Mariana Abdullah and Dr P. Vasantha are vice-presidents.

The secretaries and treasurers will be appointed later.

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